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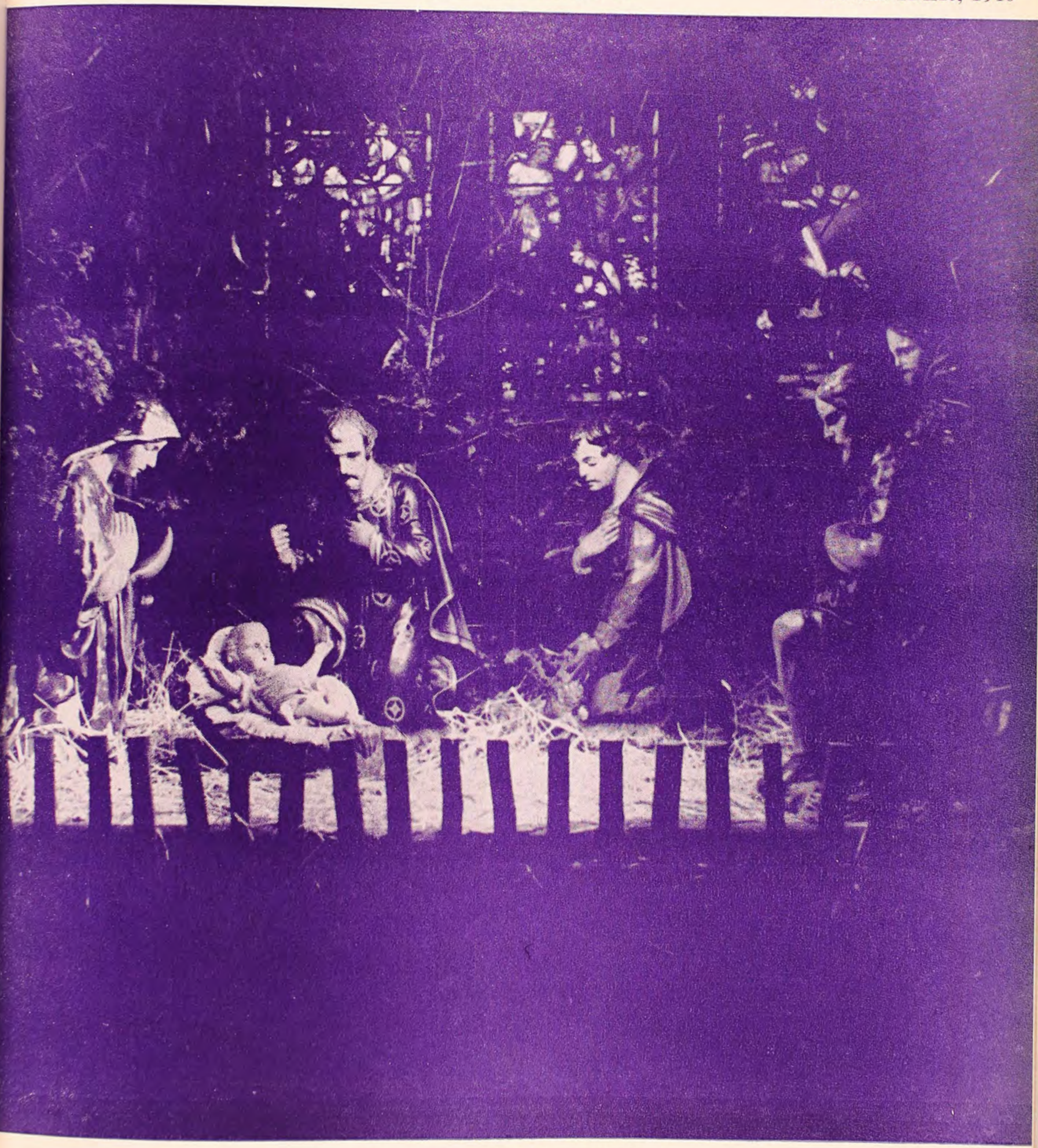

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

WE thought for a while after our November issue that some of our readers had us in a corner, but, vowing never to trust our aging memory too far again, we called in our seconds and got ready to come out fighting at the bell. . . . Meanwhile, we dug out the almanac and this is what we found:

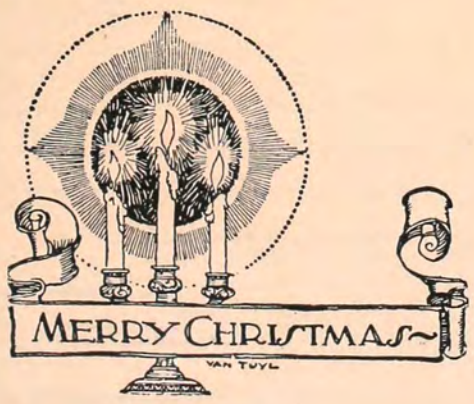
That Pennsylvania was NOT one of the 20 States that rejected the innovation of an early Thanksgiving Day in 1939. . . . However, we erred in our statement that we observed the third Thursday last year. . . . It was the fourth Thursday, but not the last, for there were five Thursdays in November, 1939, which placed the traditional Thanksgiving Day on November 30 . . .

Anyway, it's all water over the dam and we can only say, "Sorry, our foot slipped . . ."

Last month our Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Writer had one under the title, "The Hospital Needs A New Kind of Publicity." It has been brought to our attention that the kind of publicity proposed by Mr. Copeland, or something that closely approximates it, has been under consideration by the Episcopal Hospital Board for the last two or three years. . . . The Board is cognizant of the need, but it also knows that kind of publicity can be had only with 100 percent cooperation . . . and we don't mean 10 percent . . .

Again, our regrets that a few items that someone will deem important had to be omitted for lack of space, but maybe next month . . .

And now there seems nothing left but to wish everybody a



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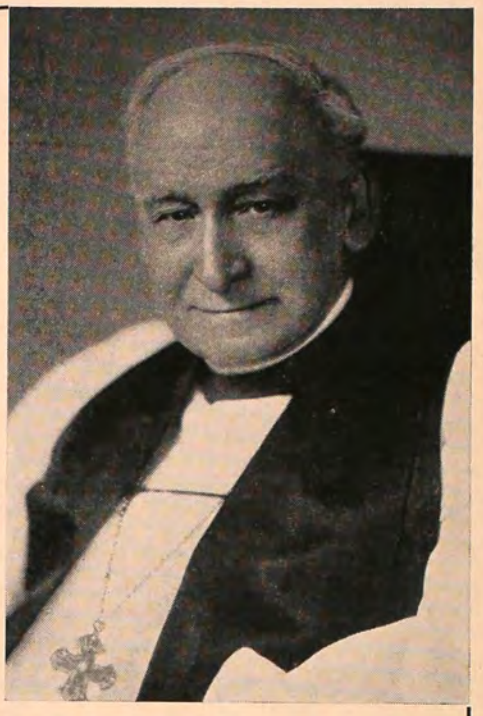
OBJECT **1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life** by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. **2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese** by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

The Bishop's Message



THE RT. REV. FRANCIS M. TAITT, S.T.D.
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WHENEVER the month of December approaches, we think of Milton's ode, "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity":

"This is the month, and this the happy morn,
Wherein the Son of Heaven's eternal King,
Of wedded Maid, and Virgin Mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring;
For so the Holy Sages once did sing,
That he our deadly forfeit should release,
And with his Father work us a perpetual peace."

Out of this unspeakable gift of God there grew the desire to make gifts on this great day. And because it is more blessed to give than to receive, the day became the happiest of all the year.

In Norway and some other countries grain was tied to the trees on Christmas Day that the birds might know its joy. He is indeed a hard-hearted cynic who does not endeavor to make someone happy on this day. Dinners are provided for the poor, and special gifts are made to children. "Merry Christmas" is the greeting, and those who make this greeting experience some of the joy in their own hearts. A writer in a periodical of this month says, "If there are pets and dolls, they must be dressed up and invited to the tree. Our white collie, Pooh Bear, always has a bath, a red ribbon, a stick of candy on the tree, a bone at the last minute, and doughnuts. And then the dolls! For some fifteen years they were all completely outfitted in time for Christmas."

What a picture of joy and mirth! What a welling up of thanksgiving in the heart for God's unspeakable gift.

Then, if some misanthrope should say, "Life is not worth living, I could make a better world myself," let us reply, "Yes, that is just what we are here for. Let us do it."

Francis M. Taitt

The Executive Secretary's Page

TWENTY years ago my Bishop said to me, "Keep your eyes upon Bishop Tucker. He has the best mind in the House of Bishops, and some day he will be your leader." The Bishop who made that remark has long since gone to his reward, but his prophecy has been fulfilled, for Bishop Tucker has been our leader for the last three years, and I hope he will be for several more. Naturally the remark of my former Bishop has caused me to take more than an ordinary interest in Bishop Tucker. It has been my privilege to have his friendship and at times his confidence, and they have been a comfort and an encouragement to me many times. I know the same friendship has strengthened and encouraged many of my friends among the clergy throughout the Church. We need such friendships in a day when lesser minds so quickly and so easily misunderstand, misinterpret and effectually stymie our efforts.

But to get back to Bishop Tucker. The qualities his friends knew he possessed have, since his election as Presiding Bishop, became known to the whole Church. His tact, his patience, his humility, his breadth of vision, his intellectual alertness are no surprise to them. But even his close friends have been delighted at his amazing administrative ability. His work of the last three years stands as proof. He is THE LEADER for whom the Church has been waiting.

> "It is natural in days of stress and strain like the present that we clergy should feel at times a bit panicky. We hear and read many things which tend to make us so. Yet I would remind you that no matter what happens the world today needs Christ more than ever before, and it is our responsibility as His appointed ministers to fulfill that need.
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> **"We need to make our witness and the witness of our people more effective. The power to do this comes from the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit can work only in and through lives whose capacities and resources are dedicated to GOD's service.**
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> "History shows that in times of stress men are more ready to respond to Christ's call. The records of the last war show that givings to the Church steadily increased. These facts ought to encourage and inspire us to go forth with renewed energy to do GOD's will.
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> "We have a great opportunity before us in the days ahead. The times are evil, but, as Saint Paul says, we must redeem them. And so as we go into our fall work I hope that every individual, every parish and every Church agency will interpret the signs of the times as a call from GOD to work and pray harder that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The words are Bishop Tucker's, written before the General Convention. The emphasis is mine. Every clergyman received a copy of that letter, and it was followed up by a practical application:

> "The Every Member Canvass is one of the most important jobs every parish has to do. The parish which has a good Canvass is likely to have a successful year following. The parish which has a poor Canvass, or none at all, is likely to run into difficulty.
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> "I sincerely hope that every parish, no matter how large or how small, how rich or how poor, will have a **well planned and executed Canvass** this fall. World conditions call for it."

Again the words are the Presiding Bishop's and the emphasis mine.

The Expectations are coming in, and already one sees the difference between those parishes that have had "a well planned and executed Canvass" and those which have not so planned, but which have executed our missionary hopes. The evidence is unmistakable. I do hope that my brethren among the clergy will carefully exhaust every resource in their parishes before reducing the amounts they gave for 1940. The Presiding Bishop and our own Bishop are asking for MORE for 1941, not less.

It has been a real joy to me all through this year to see the fine response to the efforts of the Diocesan Field Department in developing the responsibility of the laymen for the parish Canvass. However, we have only made a beginning, and I believe that the ground work done this year will result in real gains for 1942.

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BECAUSE in these days we have a double responsibility; BECAUSE the catastrophe of war is not confined to the warring countries; BECAUSE the work of all nations except the United States has been crippled and stopped by the war; BECAUSE this is especially true of the Mother Church in England, and BECAUSE General Convention, recognizing this and that we must vigorously carry on our own work and take over some of that belonging to the Mother Church, the clergy of the Diocese at the Schwenksville conference on October 31 voted to endorse the action of General Convention in pledging a contribution of $300,000 to the Archbishop of Canterbury for aid to British missions. They passed a resolution asking the Bishop and Council to authorize a committee under the leadership of the Rev. E. Felix Kloman, the said committee to raise the Diocesan share of this $300,000. The Bishop and Council approved, and the Bishop has named the committee consisting of both clergymen and representatives of the Woman's Auxiliary. The committee has had one meeting, and the Bishop has approved its plan to set aside Sunday, January 26, 1941, when a "sacrificial offering" shall be taken in each parish and mission. However, no efforts to raise this money will be made until the New Year.

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Bishop Bentley, Suffragan Bishop of Alaska, is able to take a joke on himself. According to *The Living Church*, the Bishop was due to visit a missionary family on the Yukon. The Bishop's schedule permitted him to arrive one day earlier than he was expected, and, his boat appearing far off in the rainy distance, a little Indian boy ran to the mission to say, "It might be the Bishop or it might be a drift log." The missionary's wife, not quite ready for the Bishop's visit, exclaimed, "Well, I hope it's a log."

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December 10—Please mark that date. That is when the Finance Department meets, and we want your Expectation in BEFORE that day in order to be able to make a report. Our thanks to those who are sending them in.

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Our prayers and best wishes go with Fr. Conkling, the new Bishop-elect of Chicago. The Diocese of Chicago is to be congratulated on having picked a splendid man, and Fr. Conkling is to be congratulated on his election by one of the finest Dioceses in the Church.

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My best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FREDERICK P. HOUGHTON

DEAN TAYLOR ELECTED DR. TOOP'S ASSOCIATE

The Very Rev. Granville Taylor, D.D., dean of the Convocation of West Philadelphia and for the last 18 years vicar of the Chapel of the Mediator, was elected associate rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles at a meeting of the vestry on November 29. The vestry's action provides that Dean Taylor shall automatically succeed the Rev. George Herbert Toop, D.D., should the latter cease to be rector of the parish. Dr. Toop last year celebrated the 25th anniversary of his rectorship.

The Chapel of the Mediator, one of three chapels under the jurisdiction of Holy Apostles parish, recently observed the 24th anniversary of its cornerstone laying and the 101st birthday anniversary of the late George C. Thomas, founder of Holy Apostles and its chapels.

DAILY ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN AT ST. STEPHENS'

The annual series of Noonday Advent Services under the auspices of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches was opened at St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, December 2, with Bishop Taitt as the first preacher.

The services are held daily, except Saturday, during Advent, from 12:30 to 12:55 P. M. The schedule of services and preachers follows:

MONDAY, 2nd
Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D.
Bishop of Pennsylvania

TUESDAY, 3rd.....**Dr. Henry Cornehlson, Jr.**
Immanuel Lutheran Church

WEDNESDAY, 4th.....**Dr. Earl L. Douglass**
Summit Presbyterian Church

THURSDAY, 5th.....**Dr. E. P. Pfatteicher**
President,
Penna. Ministerium Lutheran Churches

FRIDAY, 6th..**Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, D.D.**
Christ Memorial Reformed Episcopal Church

MONDAY, 9th.....**Dr. Howard J. B. Ziegler**
Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church

TUESDAY, 10th.....**Dr. V. Carney Hargroves**
2nd Baptist Church, Germantown

WEDNESDAY, 11th.....**Dr. Leon T. Moore**
Calvary Methodist Church

THURSDAY, 12th.....**Dr. Charles L. Hussey**
1st United Presbyterian Church

FRIDAY, 13th.....**Dr. W. Galloway Tyson**
District Superintendent, Methodist Church

MONDAY, 16th.....**Dr. Eugene M. Austin**
Tioga Baptist Church

TUESDAY, 17th.....**Dr. E. A. E. Palmquist**
Executive Secretary,
Philadelphia Federation of Churches

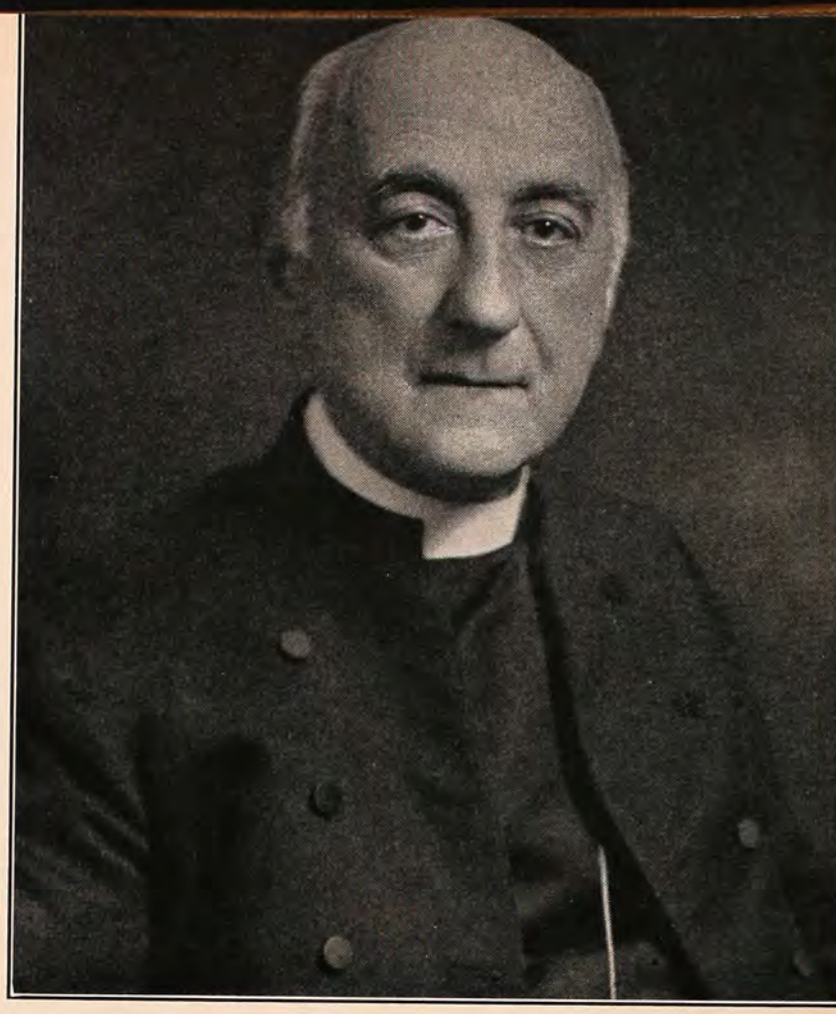
WEDNESDAY, 18th..**Dr. W. Sherman Skinner**
1st Presbyterian Church, Germantown

THURSDAY, 19th
Rt. Rev. Ernest G. Richardson
Bishop, Phila. Area Methodist Church

FRIDAY, 20th.....**Dr. Robert R. Littell**
Tioga Presbyterian Church

MONDAY, 23rd....**Dr. G. Malcolm Van Dyke**
1st Presbyterian Church, Lansdowne, Pa.

TUESDAY, 24th.....**Rev. Herbert W. Jones**
St. Stephen's Church



THE REV. EDWARD M. JEFFERYS, S.T.D. Former rector of old St. Peter's, who recently resigned from the Standing Committee after serving in that important body 33 years. He was president for the last 30 years.

DR. E. M. JEFFERYS RESIGNS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Edward Miller Jefferys, S.T.D., has resigned from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania on which he served 33 years, the last 30 years as president, it has been announced.

To fill the vacancy in its membership the Standing Committee elected the Rev. Chauncey E. Snowden, rector of St. Paul's, Overbrook.

The Rev. Franklin Joiner, D.D., rector of St. Clement's, was elected president of the Standing Committee.

Dr. Jefferys' resignation from this important post severs his last link with the active ministry. His more than 51 years in Holy Orders have been characterized by a seemingly limitless capacity for hard work, by a spiritual glow which instantly won the love of all with whom he came in contact, by scholarly preaching and teaching that compelled attention, and by an unyielding devotion to the missionary work of the Church.

Three years ago he resigned as twelfth rector of old St. Peter's Church, ending his parochial ministry in the parish where he began it as a curate in 1889. His 31-year rectorship of historic St. Peter's was marked by many constructive achievements, among which were the acquisition of St. Peter's House; the development of St. Peter's Choir School to a unique position among private schools; the installation of the present organ, one of the finest in the Philadelphia area; the contribution of nearly half a million dollars to missions and extra-parochial charities; and increasing the parish endowment fund by more than $150,000.

He ministered to the parish longer than any other rector, with the single exception of Bishop White, and gave himself unstintingly to the service of the Diocese as warden, chaplain and instructor of the Church Training and Deaconess House; as a deputy to General Convention; as a trustee of Episcopal Hospital and other diocesan institutions.

Long a student and exponent of the Pauline doctrines, Dr. Jefferys has been working on a "Study of St. Paul" and other literary projects since his retirement. In 1894 he spent several months visiting Mediterranean countries and islands to which St. Paul traveled in his ministry. His literary talents had their first outlet while he was a student at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was first editor of *The Pennsylvanian*. The University in 1909 gave him the degree of doctor of sacred theology.

Throughout the World War Dr. Jefferys was a chaplain and served 23 months overseas, where his work earned wide recognition and brought him promotion.

His many friends throughout the Diocese wish him happiness in his retirement as well as success in his literary efforts.

REV. W. E. CONKLING ELECTED SEVENTH BISHOP OF CHICAGO

A telephone call from Chicago interrupted the tranquillity of the family Thanksgiving Day festivities in the rectory of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, on November 28, and confronted the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling with what he termed "the most difficult decision I have ever had to make." The call was to notify him that he had just been elected seventh bishop of the 105-year-old Diocese of Chicago by the Convention called to choose a successor to the late Bishop George Craig Stewart.

Not until his return from Chicago, where he went this week to confer with diocesan officials, will he announce his decision with respect to the election, acceptance of which would make him spiritual leader of nearly 100,000 Episcopalians in 121 parishes and missions in Chicago and Northern Illinois. He is the youngest man ever elected to the Chicago episcopate.

Fr. Conkling's election was decided by the second ballot, which gave him 54 of the 106 clerical votes cast, the lay delegates concurring by giving him 43 of their 67 votes. The remaining clerical votes were divided between the Very Rev. Noble C. Powell, D.D., dean of the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C., who received 30, and the Rev. Dudley S. Stark, LL.D., rector of St. Chrysostom's Church, Chicago, who received 21.

Upon his return from Chicago, Fr. Conkling will meet with his own vestry before making known his final decision.

With the exception of the first two years after his ordination, Fr. Conkling has spent his entire ministry as rector of St. Luke's, Germantown's oldest Episcopal church, to which he was called in 1923 as successor to the late Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D.D. In the subsequent 17 years he has risen steadily to a position of leadership in the diocese. Identified definitely with the Anglo-Catholic group, he is held in equally high esteen by both Anglo-Catholic and "Evangelicals."

Fr. Conkling is a native of Matteawan, N. Y., where he attended the public and high schools, later graduating from Williams College. As a choir boy in a Fishkill, N. Y., parish he decided upon the priesthood as his calling and never considered any other life. His studies were interrupted by the World War, in which he served in the hydrographic division of the Naval Overseas Transportation Service.

After the war he entered Philadelphia Divinity School, where he completed the three-year course in less than two and a half years, during which period he served St. Andrew's Church, Camden, and was a Latin instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1921 and was ordered deacon,

In the fall of 1921 he entered Oxford University, England, where he earned a bachelor of letters degree, and returned to Philadelphia Divinity School as a teaching fellow in Greek, at the same time assisting at St. Luke's, Germantown, and the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia. In 1922 he was ordained a priest.

As a leader in the practice of spiritual healing, Fr. Conkling has drawn the attention of the whole Church to that phase of the ministry. Early this year he conducted a seminar on healing at Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wis. His book, *Health and Salvation*, a guide for the practice of spiritual healing, was published this year by Morehouse-Gorham Co. Other works from his pen are *True Values*, *Darkness and Light*, and *The Queen Mother*.

As a deputy to General Convention he rallied the forces in the lower house that defeated proposed changes in the marriage Canon.

His rectorship of St. Luke's has been marked by remarkable growth. From less than 1000 the communicant strength of the parish has increased to more than 1400. Eleven years ago the parish completed a $100,000 building program which included transforming the interior of the church into one of the finest existing examples of 13th century Gothic architecture. Since 1935 his jurisdiction has included the Church of St. John the Baptist, Germantown.

As a member of the Diocesan Commission on the Forward Movement he was called upon to prepare the material for the Diocesan Lenten Mission held in 1939 and for the Children's Mission held throughout the diocese last month. He also serves on the Commission on Clerical Salaries and Pensions and the Committee on Study of the Presbyterian Concordat.

In 1930 Fr. Conkling married Constance L. Sowby. They have two children.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.

—*O. W. Holmes*

CHURCH CLUB TO HEAR DR. FRANK W. MOORE

Dr. Frank W. Moore, former Presbyterian minister and emeritus professor of homiletics and worship at Auburn Theological Seminary, and now a member of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Church Club of Philadelphia, which will be held in the Clover Room of the Bellevue-Stratford on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 P. M. Also among the guests of honor will be the Bishop of the Diocese. Percival H. Granger, club president, will preside.

Dr. Moore, who was elected to the National Council in December, 1939, devotes most of his time to working for the Church. He retired from the faculty at Auburn Seminary in 1930, after 23 years in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and was confirmed in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Wilson R. Stearly, then Bishop of Newark.

He is one of the outstanding laymen in the Diocese of Central New York, where he has served on the Department of Missions, the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council. He was a deputy to General Convention in 1934 and 1937, in the latter year serving on the Budget and Program Committee.

In his home city of Auburn, N. Y., he is a director of the Community Chest, a member of the executive board of the local hospital, a director of the Y. M. C. A., the Colored Community Center, and the Family Welfare Society, and is president of the Cayuga Museum of History and Art and the Auburn Peace Council.

He received his honorary degree of doctor of divinity from Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn.

Shoppers . . .

The following communication has been received from Jorden's, whose advertisement appears in Page 35 of this issue:

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GEORGE ALEXANDER A. WEST, F.R.C.O., F.A.G.O.

Courtesy of Philadelphia Record

50 YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S, GTN., BRING HONORS TO ORGANIST

DECEMBER 25 this year will be just another Christmas Day to a lot of folks, but to George Alexander A. West it will mean the completion of fifty years of continuous service as organist and choirmaster of St. Luke's Church, Germantown. For it was on Christmas Day, 1890, that he came to St. Luke's. He was then a boy of 16.

Next Tuesday, December 10, at 8 P. M., the congregation of St. Luke's and many of his former pupils and choir boys, who number more than 2500, will attend a Festival Evensong service in St. Luke's as part of the observance of his golden jubilee. Before the service Mr. West will play a short recital. Some of his own compositions will be sung by the choir of 45 boys and men during the service.

An informal reception in the parish house will follow. Recordings of the compositions used in the recital as well as the anthem sung by the choir will be played.

Mr. West's half century of service at St. Luke's has been under only two rectors—33 years under the late Dr. Samuel Upjohn and 17 under the present rector, the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling. In that time he has missed only one service, except during his vacations.

Born in St. Just, Cornwall, England, Mr. West studied under William Darby and John Alexander Matthews, of Cheltenham, where he was organist of the parish church for two years.

In the summer of 1890 Dr. Upjohn went to England to find an organist to replace Walter Henry Hall, who had just resigned. He interviewed Dr. E. H. Turpin, head of the Royal College of Organists; Sir John Stainer, organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, London; Sir Frederick Bridge, organist at Westminster Abbey, and Sir Herbert Oakley, composer to Queen Victoria and professor of music at Edinburgh University.

In every interview there kept bobbing up the name of the young parish organist in Cheltenham, who at the age of 15 had just passed the grueling examination for a fellowship in the Royal College of Organists. All these famous organists had been interested in Alex West as a talented youngster. They were pleased and proud that he had lived up to their predictions for him. And Dr. Turpin had not yet had time to forget the sensation created in the Royal College by the boy organist's success in the fellowship examination a few weeks earlier.

Overwhelmed by such unimpeachable testimony, Dr. Upjohn journeyed to Cheltenham. Proof of his eloquence is found in the fact that the young Cornishman, who was considering an offer from Calcutta, agreed to come to America, leaving behind his beloved teacher, John Alexander Matthews, who later became his father-in-law.

And so began the golden half century, down which have marched and still march a procession of boys and young men, his choristers and organ pupils, many of whom have become well-known organists, choir directors and composers. Among them are Newell Robinson, organist at Grace Church, Mt. Airy, and dean of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists; and Robert A. Gerson, organist at First Presbyterian Church, 15th and Locust Streets.

About ten years after Mr. West came to St. Luke's, Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, son of his old teacher, came to Philadelphia to study with him. Dr. Matthews, organist and choirmaster of St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, is one of America's best-known composers and for ten years held a professorship at the University of Pennsylvania as director of undergraduate music.

Mr. West, as well as his pupils, has ventured into the realm of composition with considerable success. Best known of his many published anthems is "The Morning Stars Sang Together." Other anthems are "In the Beginning Was the Word," "I Am the Bread of Life," and "O God, the Heathen Are Come Into Thine Inheritance." He also has written a Lenten cantata, "Via Crucis."

Perhaps one of Mr. West's most noteworthy contributions to American church music was his having erected in St. Luke's the superb organ which authorities declare revolutionized organ building in this country. As a boy he had listened with admiration to the great organ in Tewkesbury Abbey, the work of Michel and Thynne.

Tracking down an interesting organ blueprint, Mr. West went to Boston in 1894 to find that the instrument, built for a Boston church, was Michel's work. He induced Michel to put his talents to work at St. Luke's, and the present organ is the result. American organ builders flocked to Germantown to hear and to study the splendid instrument when it was completed.

The Pennsylvania Chapter, American Guild of Organists, of which Mr. West was dean for 14 years, is collaborating in the golden jubilee celebration at St. Luke's.

Harold W. Gilbert at the console of the organ in old St. Peter's Church, where he has just completed 25 years as organist and choirmaster and as headmaster of St. Peter's Choir School

ST. PETER'S GIVES CHOIRMASTER SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Twenty-five years ago, Harold W. Gilbert, then just another promising young musician, became organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's Church and headmaster of St. Peter's Choir School.

On Friday evening, December 6, members of St. Peter's parish, the choir and alumni of the choir school joined in honoring Mr. Gilbert in a silver jubilee celebration in the parish house. A purse and a gift of a more sentimental nature were presented to him as tokens of the high regard in which he is held by those who participated in making the gifts possible.

The actual anniversary of his coming to St. Peter's was November 25.

Mr. Gilbert, himself a former choirboy at the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of bachelor of music. He has studied under some of the best choirmasters in England and has sat on the organ bench with Courboin. During the World War he served as a bandsman in the American Expeditionary Force in France. Upon his return from overseas, he settled down to make St. Peter's Choir outstanding among choirs in the Philadelphia area and to put St. Peter's Choir School in the forefront of such schools in the United States. In both efforts he has been conspicuously successful. St. Peter's Choir has been hailed by musical critics here as the equal of the best European choirs that have toured this country, while educators have nothing but the highest praise for the scholastic standard the choir school has attained under his direction.

In the field of secular music also, Mr. Gilbert has made his mark. When the Mendelssohn Club found itself without a conductor two years ago, Mr. Gilbert was chosen for the job. According to Philadelphia critics, he has brought that organization back to the high standard of excellence it enjoyed many years ago under Dr. Gilchrist.

As a member of the Joint Commission on Revision of the Hymnal, he had a great deal to do with editing the huge mass of material that passed through the commission's hands in the preparation of the book adopted at the last General Convention. As musical director of *The Drama of Missions*, both here and in Cincinnati in 1937, he added new laurels to his already enviable record. Much of the music for the production was composed by him.

His musical leadership is acknowledged by members of the Diocesan Commission on Music, on which he has served for many years. He was chosen to direct a massed choir of 300 men and boys at the convention of the American Guild of Organists in Philadelphia in 1939.

But his first devotion is always for St. Peter's, where he holds the affectionate regard of the clergy and every member of the congregation, and from his choir the kind of loyalty that only boys can give to a beloved mentor and friend and the fullest measure of esteem from the adult singers.

IN *The Life and Letters of Bishop William White* the Rev. Dr. James Alan Montgomery refers to St. Peter's Choir School as "the oldest, probably only Parochial School of the Episcopal Church in Philadelphia."

The school has a tradition that goes back nearly 250 years, although it has been called St. Peter's only since 1834 when Bishop White, rector of the United Congregations of Christ Church and St. Peter's, reorganized it and guided its course until his death two years later. From that time until 1903, the school was a parish day school for boys and girls of St. Peter's Parish. During the rectorship of Dr. Nelson, it became a day school for St. Peter's choir boys, for which special purpose it has been maintained ever since.

The early history of the school, out of which developed the present choir school, is difficult to piece together for, as Dr. Montgomery states, only scanty items concerning it have come to light. In 1709 there is mention of "a school house," and in 1718 Governor Keith was requested to make overtures to the Bishop of London in behalf of the schoolmaster.

The choir school occupies a part of St. Peter's Parish House, situated on the same lot with the historic church. This piece of ground was presented by Thomas Penn and Richard Penn to "some gentlemen from the South End of the City" in 1757 for the erection of a new church, in 1761, named St. Peter's. In the early period of Philadelphia's history, many prominent citizens built their homes in that part of the city. Descendants of some of those early families are today active members of St. Peter's Parish, and serve on the Board of Managers of the choir school.

St. Peter's Choir School today has an enrollment of 50 boys and a faculty of nine teachers, including the special instructors in music, physical

Help Wanted . . .

The Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels, 43d and Wallace Streets, will appreciate whatever help it may receive in obtaining 50 or more chairs, or pews that will provide a comparable number of sittings, for its Church school, which has grown from 45 pupils to approximately 125 since the Rev. Thomas W. S. Logan became vicar-in-charge last January. Please communicate with Fr. Logan, 356 North Redfield Street, if you can offer any assistance.

A CHOIR SCHOOL with a *Tradition*

By Harold W. Gilbert
Headmaster, St. Peter's Choir School

A Good Student Makes a Better Choir Boy, So St. Peter's Choir School Sticks to Its 250-Year-Old Ideal, "Scholarship First"

education, religious education, and art. The course of studies embraces all academic subjects taught in the corresponding grades of the Philadelphia public schools. The graduates are prepared to enter tenth grade in the Philadelphia high schools.

The school is chiefly supported by the parishioners of St. Peter's, although it also receives the income from a small endowment and from the nominal tuition fee charged for each pupil—$75 a year. It is maintained for the purpose of giving to the choir boys the advantages of sound academic and cultural training under the conservative and wholesome influence of the Church.

Here boys about eight years of age are enrolled in the fourth grade, the lowest grade in the school, and continue as students for six years until graduation. Although the term, choir school, would suggest musical talent as a chief requisite for admission, this is not the case. Scholarship, character, and personality are the prime considerations. Previous musical training is not expected of any newcomer. The policy is to require only average musical aptitude, but to demand exceptional scholarship. Experience has proved that boys with good mentality generally make good choir boys.

In keeping with the purpose of the school the course of studies provides a place for careful instruction in the teachings of the Church. The course in religious education is planned under the supervision of the rector of St. Peter's. The instruction in this subject is given by the curate.

School sessions, like those of the public schools, are from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon. The boys all commute, none of them living within walking distance of the school.

Extra curricular activities include the publishing of a school magazine, issued three times a year; participation in inter-academic contests; occasional dramatic presentations; biennial hobby show; attendance at youth concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra by all those within the eligible age limit; and active membership in St. Peter's Choir for those who have attained the required proficiency in music.

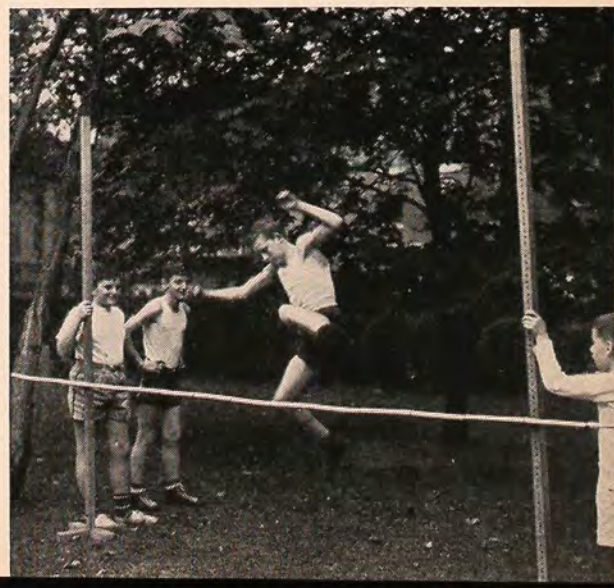
All the boys participate in the daily choir rehearsal, which takes place at the end of the school day, concluding at 3:30 o'clock. Membership in St. Peter's Choir is regarded by the boys as a great privilege and is much coveted. The musical training received by the boys includes weekly periods of sight singing, music appreciation, and private piano lessons.

There are two expeditions of special interest which are annual events. The trip to Washington during the Easter holidays is a treat for the eight or ten boys in the upper grades who merit recognition for their scholastic attainments. This visit of three days' duration is a strictly educational jaunt under the supervision of members of the faculty. A camping trip at the close of the school year is a treat for the boys who have attained full membership in St. Peter's Choir. The choir has its own camp ground of 42 acres of woodland in the Pocono Mountains where there is a fully equipped camp site with swimming pool, recreation hall, tents, and all the other paraphernalia that make such outdoor life healthful and full of enjoyment.

Members of St. Peter's Choir School Alumni are students or recent graduates of the following high schools and colleges:

Philadelphia public high schools
Collingswood High School
Haverford High School
Chestnut Hill Academy
Germantown Academy
Phillip's Academy, Andover, Mass.
Pennsylvania Military College
University of Pennsylvania
Temple University
Drexel Institute
University of Pittsburgh
Haverford College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Trinity College
Pennsylvania State College
Kenyon College
Duke University
United States Naval Academy
Berkeley Divinity School

In the last two or three years, four graduates of the choir school have been ordained to the ministry.



Editorials

HARNESSING CHRISTMAS

HOW free and unfettered the Christmas spirit is, and how marvellous its energy and power! The good people who are always giving so gladly to others that it might seem as if they had exhausted their store of service, outdo themselves at Christmas, while the surly cease from growling, the churlish grow more forgiving, and even the miserly become prodigal with their money! Everywhere warm springs of loving-kindness well up in men's hearts, like the hot springs in icy Alaska that make all around them green and fertile with their benevolence. Truly there is enough good-will about at Christmas to transform this cold, barren world into the thing of beauty that God intended it to be when He created it and pronounced it good.

And Christmas would remake our old, sad world if it could be harnessed and directed in the right channel. When men discovered that rivers, which just went rolling along, could be harnessed to produce light and power, they actually leaped forward on the path of progress. The use of water for power is a parable of what might be done by organizing the mighty spiritual resources of Christmas. In a complex, thoroughly-organized society like our own even "the greatest of these," charity, must be organized if it is to accomplish its purpose and not dissipate its energy like a stream running wild.

So why not harness the Christmas spirit by directing and organizing its immense power to meet the world's most urgent needs? It would no more spoil the spontaneous beauty of the season than harnessing a stream robs passers-by of its beauty. Indeed we have already begun to do just that. For what is the Red Cross but the body through which the spirit of Christmas carries on its work, or organized missionary effort but the hands and feet and voice of that same spirit of love?

Alas that we have feared to go further and have not organized that good spirit in another world-wide field, the field of international relations. Enough good-will will be generated by the approach of next Christmas to bring peace to all the warring nations of the earth, but, like steam without an engine, it will only blow off and be dissipated in the frosty air for lack of an organization to utilize its beneficient power. Nations have organized Hatred and implemented their diabolical organization with gun and bomb and every destructive instrument that modern science can devise. But Good-will, homeless and disembodied, broods helpless over a tragic world, which it could easily save if it only had a body through which to function.

Why are many Christian men so afraid to give a body to their good-will that they shy like a foolish horse at a piece of paper when anyone mentions international cooperation. Their God was not afraid to risk giving a body to His love. Christmas is the anniversary of the greatest risk ever taken by an adventuresome God. In Bethlehem, Eternal and Almighty Love took a human body that He might conquer the world. Why are we so fearful to risk our own little good-will in a body?

Some day, please God, the spirit of peace and good-will to men will develop a body of its own to carry out its benevolent purpose. Christian men must and will form some parliament of man, some federation of the world, to make use of the spiritual power of Christmas flowing so full and free past our very doors.

CUPID AND THE CLERGY

THE newspapers and magazines have had their day of fun with the erroneous report that General Convention had forbidden clergymen to marry until two years after their ordination, which the commentators seemed to think would be regarded as in the nature of a hardship by the "young and untried clerics."

Even if the report were true—and it is not—how little the newsmen know about parish life! What man in all the world is more popular with people than an unmarried parson! How the ladies, young and old, single and married, rally to his support! He needs *so* much help, the dear man, with no wife to guide him! Is it a hardship to be the fair-haired boy of not one mother but a hundred? Newspapermen who hint at hardship in remaining unmarried either are not acute observers or do not often go to church.

In addition, it is unfair to the younger clergy to suppose that they need such a restriction placed upon them. The fact is that only a small percentage are captured by Cupid until they have been at large for several years, while a much larger percentage of them never marry at all. And indeed, if it were a hardship to refrain from marriage for twenty-four months, the clergy would gladly endure it, for it cannot be denied that they were the champion ascetics of antiquity, and there is no reason to suppose that the present generation is any softer than its predecessors. Our readers must not be misled by the bizarre and unusual feats of holy men of old and leap to the conclusion that the clergy of today could not duplicate them. What, for example, if a young and talkative monk in ancient times did hold a

pebble in his mouth for three years to keep from speaking. A stone is not any harder than what some of our older clergy have to keep in their mouths for many years in order to talk at all. What if St. Anthony ate nothing but bread and water for months at a time! St. Anthony lived to be over a hundred on that diet, but our Bishops, who always have to eat whatever is set before them, break down at an age when St. Anthony was still repelling imaginary women in the desert—a task, one suspects, that was much easier than dealing with neurotic real ones in an office.

No, the clergy are not soft. They can still endure hardness as good soldiers. There may be cases beyond their powers, like the Irish saints (God bless their inconsistency!) who, although it was against their principles to use water except to make tea or dilute other liquids, would stand all day in an icy mountain stream for their soul's sake; or, like that other old Hibernian, who, when his head was cut off by a pagan, picked it up in his hand and escaped across a river; or those ingenious fellows (Irish too, no doubt) who invented a kneeling bench so delicately balanced that when a sleepy monk even nodded at prayers, it would pitch him out in the aisle. Our clergy have hardly reached such delirious heights, but they can reasonably be said to have lost none of the ancient love of the clergy for severe discipline. And as for thinking that a command to resist the charms of the girls for two years is beyond their power—terribly difficult though it may be—that is to woefully underrate their traditional courage and fortitude.

A BENEFACTOR LITTLE KNOWN

A ROMAN CATHOLIC Bishop recently warned his flock against supposing that organized charity can entirely take the place of the Church's almsgiving. As he put it, the word "Welfare" must not destroy the beautiful word "Charity." That is a real danger, and is often exemplified among ourselves in the care of unfortunate clergymen and their families. Efficient as the Church Pension Fund is, there always will be peculiar cases of need among the clergy which the Fund cannot recognize legally and which fall upon the Bishop to relieve.

For this purpose we have in Pennsylvania another fund, administered by the Bishop and known as the Christmas Fund, which has been a real blessing to many clergymen in emergencies. Its needs are sincerely commended to all our people at this time of the year.

THIS IS *America*

The week of November 10 marked a crisis in the history of Eastern Europe. Italians, Greeks and Albanians were locked in mortal combat. In America they could forget national animosities and unite in worship. American citizens tracing their origin to each country gathered in the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary to honor Bishop Taitt on Wednesday, November 13.

Soon after the Italian choir had sung an anthem, a Greek choir sang the traditional greeting reserved for bishops and potentates. This was but part of an international service that opened with the Lord's Prayer in Armenian. The Armenian and English choirs sang the choral service in English. Russian choirs sang the first Psalm and a hymn of supplication for Church and Government. Six clergymen of foreign-speaking groups were in the Sanctuary.

In addition to seven confirmed, twenty-eight who had renounced the church of their former obedience were admitted by the Bishop as communicants to the Episcopal Church. All were presented by the Rev. Thomas E. della Cioppa, Ph.D.

Despite stormy weather, the church was well filled. Those remaining for the reception tendered to the Bishop filled the commodious assembly hall. This demonstration of international friendship through religion shows that the spirit of Christian fellowship persists in the Church as it is in America.

Correction . . .

The November issue of THE CHURCH NEWS erroneously reported the following in its story on the action of General Convention:

"Young men who enter the ministry must wait two years after they are ordained before marrying, the Convention decreed."

The following resolution originating in the House of Deputies, we now are informed, is the one adopted:

"RESOLVED, the House of Bishops concurring, that General Convention calls to the attention of the Deans of Theological Seminaries and the Bishops the difficulties arising from too early marriage for Postulants, Candidates for Holy Orders, and for Ordinands, and urges that said Deans and Bishops provide counsel and instruction for Postulants, Candidates for Holy Orders and Ordinands so as to avoid difficulties arising from too early marriage."

The Bishops concurred.

CHRIST CHURCH DINNER ATTENDED BY 331

An attendance of 331, which exceeded by 50 the number served last year, helped to make the second annual parish dinner of Christ Church, Philadelphia, one of the most successful affairs held in the parish in recent years. A warm spirit of friendliness pervaded Neighborhood House, which recently was renovated and redecorated by the men of Christ Church, throughout the program.

Guests included the Very Rev. Canon James M. Niblo, D.D., dean of Norristown Convocation and rector of St. John's, Norristown, who spoke on the state of the Church and the work accomplished by General Convention; Peter Sturtevant, of Virginia Theological Seminary; the Very Rev. Percy R. Stockman, dean of North Philadelphia Convocation; and the Rev. Robert Morris, chaplain of Christ Church Hospital.

The outlook at Christ Church for the year was presented by W. Beaumont Whitney, 2d, accounting warden. William Bradford and John Whitney, newest members of the vestry, and Louis Temme, Morgan C. Rulon and Franklin Hunter, new vestry assistants, were introduced to the assemblage.

The first issue of The Belfry, a parish newspaper edited by Herbert W. Goodall, Jr., made its appearance.

The PLACE of MUSIC *in Church*

By Robert H. Elmore
Organist and Choirmaster, Church of the Holy Trinity

Ministry of Music, Like That of the Clergy, Must Be Consecrated to the Service of God and Lead Congregations Nearer to His Presence

THE use of music in church services is such a usual thing, such a commonplace in our lives, that we are too apt to take it for granted. We sometimes forget what an important part of our worship it can be, and we fail to realize how barren our services would be without it.

Music has one rightful place in the worship of the church: It must bring the soul of the worshipper nearer to God. If it does not, it is "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal," and, however delightful to the ear, it has no place in God's house.

There is too much the feeling in many churches today, including some of our finest houses of worship, that the music one hears is to be listened to as a sort of sacred concert. Such a concept of church music is fundamentally wrong. Concerts — even sacred concerts—are fine in their place, but that place is not in a service of worship where the music should be entered into actively, experienced emotionally rather than listened to passively by the worshipper.

This ideal may be realized more easily in the hymns and canticles, for the members of the congregation can and should join their voices with those of the choir in these vital parts of the service. But even during the anthem, if it is well chosen and well sung, the congregation can and should take a vital part. Such a vital part—giving the emotions full play in response to the music—can be taken by the congregation even if the anthem is unfamiliar or difficult to understand at first hearing. But the music must be sincerely spiritual.

What constitutes spirituality in music is another question. Music which stirs the deepest emotions of one listener may leave another cold and unmoved. Then, too, in its broadest sense the term "spiritual" might include much of the symphonic repertoire and even works written for the opera and ballet, music not practical for church use.

For the purpose of this discussion we will narrow our range of choice to choral music written to sacred texts, which still leaves us a wide field. Unfortunately, the mere fact that a piece of music is written to sacred words makes it neither good nor spiritual.

It is here that some err. A text from the Word of God will not make a piece of music great. I wish it would. Then church music would be the greatest in the world, and we would not have to suffer some of the painful results of wedding magnificent words to banal music. Frankly, a great text is apt to reveal weaknesses in music which would be able to hold its own with a text of lesser import. That is why I can get more pleasure—or less displeasure—out of a popular song of the day than from some so-called "sacred" music.

When I hear sacred words set to inferior music, both my musical and religious senses rebel. My religious nature tells me it is blasphemy to set God's Word to any but the best music, and my musical nature brands as inartistic, to say the least, the union of a great text and a poor piece of music.

Therefore, in selecting music for the worship and praise of God, let us choose only that which is good. Let us rule out all inconsequential, ear-tickling tunes and harmonies, which may intrigue the man in the pew, but which will never move him nearer to the presence of his Lord.

This need not mean that church music must be all of one style, one emotional level, one color. There are many ways to worship God, and one may enter His presence in any of a variety of moods. Music may create a mood of joyous praise, as when David danced before the Lord; or a mood of calm serenity, or of deep penitence. Each has its place in worship, and one should never be abandoned entirely in favor of another.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity this season we are holding many special musical services, performing the works of composers ranging from Buxtehude, through Bach and Haydn, to Fauré. Each of these composers has a different musical message, yet each, in his own way, is spiritual—Bach and Fauré intensely so. Great oratorios and cantatas from the church repertoire often are heard for their musical beauty alone at various festivals year in and year out. But we have not selected them solely for their musical beauty.

Were they not fine music, we would not have chosen them, but if the impression they leave is only that they are beautiful, we shall feel that we have failed. We want them to deliver a spiritual message. The union of superb music with great spiritual texts is irresistible, and only such works should be regarded as proper for use in the Christian Church.

My own feeling is that there is a musical ministry just as important in its way as the ministry of the clergy. The music played and sung should be consecrated to the service of God and presented to the glory of God rather than for the diversion of men.

If then we take a great text, preferably from the Bible, set it to worthy music and perform it as nearly perfectly as possible and with loving consecration to the service of our Lord, we may be reasonably certain to achieve the desired result—the man in the pew will be spiritually elevated and brought into closer touch with God. That his esthetic senses may be pleased is of secondary importance.

When the musical portion of the service fails to bring the congregation closer to God, it is a useless and expensive nonentity. If it distracts man from his communion with God, it is worse than useless—it is an evil thing. It must be an active agent to draw man away from worldly unrest and nearer to Divine Love.

May God grant that Church musicians ever remember the true nature and purpose of their task and use in His service the artistic gifts He has conferred upon them.

Interested?

The Executive Council of the Diocese established last June a special committee to consider and report upon Church work with students in the Diocese.

The committee met November 18 to hear ten persons express their views. It desires very much to hear all who may be interested. Will such persons please communicate with the convener of the committee, Spencer Ervin, at Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia?

The GIRLS' *Friendly* SOCIETY

By Iris Marlor Schock
Chairman of Publicity

An Elaborate Program of Sharing Its Blessings and Spreading Far and Wide the Spirit of Christmas Engages the G. F. S. at This Season

"YES, I have been to Bethlehem," reminisces Mrs. U. G. Rowley, a member of Christ Church and St. Michael's Branch, who has been associated with the Girls' Friendly Society for more than twenty years. "It is wonderful and impressive to realize that I actually have been there."

Bethlehem looks like what you would imagine from reading the Bible. There is a church here that is quite extensive, the Church of the Nativity. In this church you can go to a place set apart as the actual spot that is revered as the birthplace of our Lord. It is a grotto reached by either of two curving stone staircases—The Chapel of The Nativity, a low vault in the solid rock. In a recess at its eastern end a silver star is set into a marble slab, on which are cut the words:

"Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus est."

(Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.)

In this church is the chapel of the Manger, that is hallowed as the site of the manger where they laid the Babe.

"It is wonderful to be in Bethlehem," continues Mrs. Rowley. "I never expected to have this privilege, but it came to me unexpectedly, as most wonderful experiences usually do."

In the city branches that have contact with girls from rural sections, plans are made to send the new mail-box members small remembrances at Christmas time, to invite them to Christmas pageants or services, or to exchange home visits with them during the Christmas vacation. Letters are being written and answered explaining the mutual advantages of belonging to the same society, of knowing each other better, of fostering Christian neighborliness. The names of our new friends were obtained from Miss Dorothy Kohl, of the Church-School-by-Mail.

Descriptions of our G. F. S. meetings make interesting letters, because this year's program material, *Stepping Out* (30 cents—published by the National Girls' Friendly Society), is used as a basis for the presentation of all social problems of young people. *Come Over to My House* (35 cents at the G. F. S. office) contains such practical details as choosing school lunches, cooking simple dishes, playing with our friends, playing games with the family, looking after the baby, choosing the items of clothing that mother permits us to choose, etc. It is a home life program that has numerous ideas for things "to do"; it is divided into two sections, *For Girls Over Ten* and *For Girls Under Ten.*

For December meetings, Mrs. James C. Charlton, head of the Membership Department, recommends two favored programs developed from the book, *Christmas in Many Lands*, which can be borrowed from the bookshelf in Room 42, the G. F. S. office in Church House:

1. Have five girls, each dressed in the costume of a different land, tell about the Christmas customs of that country.

2. Have girls relate the origin and history of the various carols and have other girls sing them. Then all join in the choruses.

However, much of our meeting time is devoted to Christmas social service work. Mrs. Frederick W. Blatz, chairman of the Christian Social Relations Committee, announces that Episcopal Hospital received the greatest number of votes in her recent survey of the branches to determine the institutions on which to focus our efforts. As a result of this survey, the Christmas social service work of the branches is concentrated on the most

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Portraying the beautiful Christmas story in pageantry unites these little ones at All Saints' School, Bontoc, Philippine Islands, with children all over the world in adoration of the infant Jesus

The YOUNG PEOPLE'S *Fellowship*

By JEAN H. SPARKMAN
Chairman of Publicity

Renovation of Surgical Dressing Room at Episcopal Hospital Chosen as Diocesan Service Project—Annual Dance Postponed

THE two outstanding events of the Y. P. F. in recent weeks were the Corporate Communion and the tour of Episcopal Hospital.

The Corporate Communion, sponsored by the Worship Committee, was held Sunday, October 13, at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, with the Rev. Herbert W. Jones as celebrant. Sixty young people received communion. Afterwards, Mr. Jones and many of those who attended, had breakfast together in a nearby restaurant.

The Service Committee sponsored the tour of the hospital Saturday afternoon, November 2, to arouse greater interest in the Thanksgiving Offering. The 28 young people who attended gathered in the chapel for a short service conducted by the Rev. Joseph Manuel, chaplain of the institution. Robert Gill, superintendent, gave a brief address of welcome. After refreshments, the visitors were divided into three groups, each with a supervisor in charge. As they led them through the hospital, the supervisors explained the most interesting features and answered many questions. Afterwards the three groups met in the chapel where Edward Potter, chairman of the Service Committee, spoke.

The most recent important event was the Diocesan Y. P. F. Rally on Thursday, November 21, at Calvary Church, Germantown. This was sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. These rallies are intended to bring together young people from all parts of the Diocese for evenings of sociability and fellowship. At this rally, canned goods and non-perishable foodstuffs were collected for our Thanksgiving Offering to Episcopal Hospital.

A worthwhile service project finally has been decided upon by the Diocesan Service Committee. It is the renovation of a surgical dressing room in Episcopal Hospital. Many of those who toured the hospital on November 2 felt that the Y. P. F. could really help in raising some of the money so greatly needed to keep the hospital running at maximum efficiency. The committee decided to set a quota of $500. This means that each individual, as well as each convocation, will have to strive to the utmost to make the project a success. In order to make the project as fair as possible, it was decided to base the quota of each convocation upon the number of parochial Y. P. F. groups within it. Further details will be announced later.

In addition to the Convocation Service Projects of West Philadelphia and Northeast, which were announced in last month's issue, Northwest has now sent in word of its project. It is continuing the one started last year. Every Friday night, some of their young people go to the Cathedral in Roxborough, where they teach handicraft to a group of young girls and boys known as the Manatawna Tigers. A library, now numbering about 700 books, also was begun there by Northwest, one of the most service-minded of our convocations.

Due to unforseen circumstances the date of the Annual Diocesan Dance has had to be postponed. The new date is January 18, the place is the Penn Athletic Club.

Agnes J. Brown, one of the active young women in our diocesan Y. P. F., was our official delegate to the Youth Week-end at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Mo. The following is her report:

"From October 11 to 13, the young people met as one organization at the 53d Triennial Convention of our Church in Kansas City, Mo. This was the first General Convention at which time was set aside for the discussion of youth's work in the Church.

"Friday evening, October 11, was devoted to a mass meeting in the Convention Hall. Bishop Quinn of Texas presided. It was estimated that 1100 young people, representing nearly every youth organization in our Church, were present. The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop, told us that there was a need for those who are willing to be disciplined and to concentrate on a strenuous job, and that we must not be soft if we are going to win for our Church. Then, too, he said, we must fight forces of temptation, form moral convictions, and keep our eyes on Jesus Christ in order to contend with temptations.

"The Rev. Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen, dean of Union Theological Seminary, also spoke at this meeting. He told us that the worst thing that could be offered us was nothing to do or no cause to struggle for; that in God's world there was always a chance to try, but that this was a terrible day in which to waste time.

"At a meeting the next morning, the set-up of the Church Government was explained and the issues confronting the Convention were outlined. Following that we observed the Woman's Auxiliary, the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in session.

"Meeting again on Saturday afternoon, the Youth Movement was discussed. The Rt. Rev. W. A. Lawrence, Bishop of Western Massachusetts, presided. William Davidson, one of the delegates to the International Youth Conference in Amsterdam, told what it meant to him to attend that conference. Miss Ernestine Postles, of Detroit, another delegate to Amsterdam, told how youth had gained a new tolerance and how she became aware that her religion was not the only way to Christ, but that other religions offered other paths to the same goal.

"The Rev. Frederick H. Arterton, Secretary for Youth at national headquarters, who in a large way was responsible for the success of the week-end, presented a plan to unite the youth of the Church. It was a summary of thousands of suggestions from the Church's youth. Since we had no executive power, approval was given through a motion to forward the plan to the youth division of the National Council for consideration and development.

"On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock there was a Corporate Communion in the Cathedral. At 11 o'clock, Morning Prayer was held in Convention Hall, officially concluding the Youth Week-end. The thank offerings of the youth groups were presented at that service. Province III, of which the Diocese of Pennsylvania is a part, presented its first thank offering.

"Many thanks are due Mr. Arterton, Dr. Parks, and their staff for the way they handled the week-end and arranged a program that warranted the attention of everyone. The spirit that prevailed throughout Kansas City and the seriousness of the younger members of our Church cannot be overlooked."

RELIGIOUS *Education* DEPARTMENT

By Elizabeth P. Frazier
Field Secretary

Advent Offering Again Is Called Upon to Aid St. Christopher's Hall, Which It Helped to Build Two Years Ago

THE BISHOP has designated St. Christopher's Mission as the project for the Advent Offering this year. For many years during the Advent Season, the Church Schools of the Diocese have presented an offering to be used for a definitely Diocesan missionary work.

Two years ago the Advent Offering, which amounted to $1164.48, was given for the erection of a hall at St. Christopher's Mission, which ministers to our colored people at 1332 North 12th Street, Philadelphia. The hall was completed and dedicated last Spring, having been built almost entirely from this offering. Sufficient funds, however, were not available to install a heating system, which is necessary if the building is to be used during the winter months. The boiler and radiators will cost between $1200 and $1300. The system also will supply heat to some of the rooms in St. John's Settlement House, which adjoins and on whose property St. Christopher's Hall was built.

Already the value of the new building has been shown by an increased attendance in the Sunday School and by its use for week-day activities.

Therefore, it seems fitting that we should complete the work in which our Church Schools had such a large share two years ago.

It has been suggested that interested Church Schools visit the mission and see for themselves what fine things have been made possible by their interest. The Lay Reader for St. Christopher's is Joseph W. H. Cooper. Mrs. Bessie Brown is superintendent of the Church School. William O. Gilbert, director of activities at St. John's Settlement, will be glad to come to any school and tell about the work. An illustrated pamphlet describing the work and the needs of the neighborhood may be borrowed.

All the schools of the Diocese participate in the splendid Lenten Offering we raise each year for the general missionary work of the whole Church, but only about one-quarter of the schools have contributed in years past to the Advent Offering, which is for a definite Diocesan missionary project. We hope that many others will take part this year. Some Schools use the offerings received on the different Sundays in Advent for this purpose, while others send contributions from their treasuries, and still others raise the offering by self-denial and work. The children and young people have every reason to be proud of their share in the erection and furnishing of many of the missions and churches throughout the Diocese.

News Notes

The Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, rector of St. Peter's, Philadelphia, has accepted the chairmanship of the Commission on Teacher Training. That is the important group responsible for the Church School Institute and Diocesan Normal School.

Following the lead of the Youth Week-end at General Convention, the Department is forming a Youth Council, which will be made up of young people and several advisors. Miss Dorothy Scott, director of religious education at St. Mary's, Ardmore, will be the chairman, and among those asked to serve will be a representative of each Diocesan youth organization.

Credit Due . . .

So many appreciative comments on the splendid article on Christmas pageantry, which appeared on this page last month, have been heard that we feel it only fair to give our readers the name of its author. She is Mrs. John A. Eiseman, a member of Grace Church, Mt. Airy.—Editor.

Looking Ahead

DECEMBER

Speakers at the Normal School Assembly Periods—7:45 P. M.

December 3—Bishop Taitt, "Highlights of General Convention."

December 10—Dr. John W. Wood, executive secretary, Department of Foreign Missions, "Status of Our Missionary work in Japan, China and Aid to Church of England Missions."

December 17—The Rev. John W. Norris, secretary, Joint Commission on Revision of the Hymnal, will describe the new Hymnal and teach us some Christmas Carols from it.

Work for the Advent Offering. Many Church Schools contribute their offerings during Advent.

Plan carefully for your Christmas giving and receiving in parishes and institutions so that the experience will be pleasurable, educational and religious.

JANUARY

Plan to attend the Winter Conference—five Tuesdays, January 21 to February 18.

Books and Things for CHRISTMAS

All Through the Night, by Rachel Field. Written for children, but attractive for any age. MacMillan. 50 cents.

Five Christmas Stories. Missionary education movement. 10 cents.

Stories of the Christ Child, by Mary Alice Jones. For small children. Rand-McNally. 10 cents.

Yuletide in Many Lands. Published annually for all ages. Augsburg Publishing House. 25 cents.

Margaret Tarrant Christmas Book. For all ages. Hale, Cushman and Flint. $1.

Christmas. An American annual of Christmas literature and art. Augsburg Publishing House. $1.

Christmas Carolers. Song and story. Hall and McCreary Co. 45 cents.

Let's Celebrate Christmas, by H. J. Gardner. Parties, plays, legends, carols, poetry and stories. A. S. Barnes & Co. $2.50.

Plays and Pageants

A few are on file in Room 30, Church House, where they may be purchased.

All of the items mentioned here may be seen and purchased at Church House or in the religious book stores.

Creches

Christ Child Creche, designed by the Petershams. Cardboard, ready to set up. 50 cents.

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

THE Supply Shop in the Supply Department is not as well known to all of us as we wish it might be. Most of us know there is such a shop, but not all of us know why it is there.

The shop is the responsibility of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese for the purpose of helping our missions to exhibit and sell the many and varied articles made in our Church all over the world. In so many of the missionary fields there is no market for the lovely things made there, but by bringing them to such a shopping center as Philadelphia we can help greatly in disposing of them.

This works a twofold benefit: To the missions by increased sales and to the Church by spreading a knowledge of its work through the articles sold.

The needlework from China, the weaving from our southern mountains, the exquisite embroidery from Puerto Rico, the beaten silver and copper from the Navajo and mountain missions, beadwork and patchwork from the other Indian fields—these are just a few of the beautiful things to be found in the shop. And the prices are moderate and reasonable.

Then there are hooked rugs, baskets, delicately carved objects of wood, and hearth brooms. Christmas cards, jams and jellies, home-made candies, a few small hand-made creches and Christmas figures and an attractive selection of Christmas gifts help to swell the list. Some items are sold on commission to help defray the expense of carrying the mission goods.

It is possible to take a small selection of these mission products out to your own parish for exhibition and sale. A small percentage of the proceeds may be kept for the benefit of your parish Auxiliary.

In addition to the mission goods the shop also carries at this season a selection of nationally advertised articles for men and will accept orders for Christmas greens from North Carolina, for candies for individual gifts and for Church Schools and other groups at low prices.

But there is much more than merely the financial side of aiding missions in your purchase of these things. Let's look backward a moment at the Sioux Indians of South Dakota, once the most powerful nation in North America, called Sioux (snake) by their enemies because they were deadly in battle. Few persons know that the Dakotas, the Sioux's real name, were once one of the most artistic tribes among the Red Men.

In the Supply Shop you will find exquisite bead patterns wrought on leather neck-pieces, belts, hand-bags, purses, mocassins, and other articles made by the Dakotas in the Indian missions in South Dakota, where our missionaries are endeavoring to revive the old tribal arts and crafts. Your purchases of such articles are contributing to that important effort.

For centuries only men were permitted to weave the beautiful prayer rugs used by the Navajos in their ancient temples. In recent years the Navajo medicine men have consented to let certain women of the tribe use the old patterns, which are woven into rugs on sale in the shop. Every figure in one of these rugs tells a part of the story represented by the whole rug. And all the bold, lovely colors that characterize Navajo work are there. The prices of the rugs are ridiculously low, and your purchase will help to keep alive this ancient art of an ancient tribe that is as old as America.

Visit the shop with some of these thoughts in mind, and you will see it as you have never seen it before. The shop is at 202 South 19th Street.

"Hands Across the Sea"

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA" would best describe the dinner at the Penn Athletic Club on October 30, which marked the end of the annual Educational Conference.

It was in this spirit that Bishop Noel Baring Hudson, secretary of the Church of England's Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and Bishop Theodore R. Ludlow, of Newark, addressed the dinner, at which 594 were present. This spirit was epitomized by Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, Auxiliary president, in a request to Bishop Hudson that he "convey our Christian love and sympathy to our sisters over there."

As head of the S. P. G. and personal representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Hudson warmly thanked the American Church for

Auxiliary Atoms

By riding in day coaches to and from Kansas City, the five delegates to the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary saved $98.55 on their transportation allowance. This amount will be applied to the fund for aiding British Missions overseas.

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The Supply Department has received word that St. James' Hospital, Anking, China, is still open and needs $500.

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The Colored Committee, which last year held its meetings in the morning, is meeting this year at 2 P. M. on the first Wednesday of each month. Dean Benedict, of Port au Prince, Haiti, made a profound impression with his description of the work in that West Indies republic at the November meeting.

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After hearing Sister Annie Horner, of Church Army, at the October meeting, the Indians' Hope Committee finds it easy to understand why her eleven years' work on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota have been so successful. She has never asked Bishop Roberts for financial aid for her work, but has raised it by her own efforts. The committee reports that it has seldom been so inspired.

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"A day's driving is a missionary gift to your own diocese," is the way the Church School-by-Mail appeals for volunteer members of a motor corps to aid Miss Dorothy Kohl in her worth-while work among children, who for various reasons are unable to attend established Church Schools. Please communicate with the Auxiliary office in Church House or directly with Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, diocesan president.

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First prize for largest attendance at the Educational Conference dinner went to the Chapel of the Mediator, which registered 38, nosing into second place by a margin of one the representation from St. Martin - in - the - Fields. Each group received a book on the mission study topic as a reward.

taking a spontaneous initiative toward helping missions which he said the Church of England "will find extremely hard put to aid as fully as in the past."

Bishop Ludlow spoke fluently and plainly on the 'isms of the times, saying they challenged Christianity because they too gave a sense of power, no matter how false, to masses of people in facing the realities of life.

"We make a terrible mistake by discounting the tremendous appeal they hold for people who are heartsick, afraid and worried about the morrow," he declared. "They are told to obey, to follow, and they will be taken care of, and to forget their insignificance in a common task. Of course, these philosophies push God out of the picture. But, that too is a great relief to many human minds, for they can thus forget the rules of God comfortably and turn about-face from their consciences.

"There is glib talk, too, about brotherhood, but, O, how can this be unless there is first the Fatherhood. The best answer of Christianity is the kind of lives Christians lead. We don't need a great program; we do need simple witnessing for Christ in daily life. How often our lips say one thing, and our lives say something quite different."

Bishop Taitt offered the prayer and introduced Bishop Hudson. Bishop Arthur Dunn, of British Honduras and the West Indies, was a guest but he did not speak.

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Junior WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By Marjorie Heim
Publicity Chairman

POWER in the Unified Parish Program will be discussed by Mrs. John E. Hill, our provincial representative on the National Executive Board, at the December Diocesan meeting. This will be the first in a series of talks on the theme, *Witnesses to the Power of God*, through the five fields of service — parish, community, diocese, nation and the world.

The feeling of personal responsibility in carrying out the decisions of General Convention was stressed by Miss Julia E. Hill, diocesan chairman and delegate to the Triennial meeting, when she addressed the November meeting of the Jr. W. A. The three things that impressed her most deeply, she said, were:

First; the distinguished presence of our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker; the Primate of Canada, the Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, and the Rt. Rev. Noel Baring Hudson, Bishop of Borneo, who was General Convention's guest and personal representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Second, that in spite of the bigness of General Convention, each meeting and speech seemed to be directed to each delegate personally and tended to stress his responsibility for carrying out this great program.

Third, the thrilling experience of meeting with and talking to delegates and missionaries from five continents and the feeling that the Convention was a small world in itself and a part of a great Christian community.

Miss Hill described the opening service and the mass meetings and stressed particularly the fellowship at the great United Thank Offering Corporate Communion. She entertainingly recited details of social events that took place and outlined the thrilling program for uniting the Church's youth and their exciting week-end at the Convention. Her hearers felt the challenge to go forward in service with the Presiding Bishop's ten-year program. Miss Hill outlined the method by which the Woman's Auxiliary will carry out its part as witnesses to the power of God. She closed with Bishop Hudson's statement to the joint session of the General Convention in which he challenged all Christians "to do a little good at a great time and a calamitous opportunity."

Plans are now under way for our Christmas work, which will be handled by a special diocesan committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles LaRoche, diocesan social service chairman.

Our three special projects will include Harrison Home, City Mission and the Church-School-by-Mail. Approximately 300 children will be provided with gifts. In addition, all parishes do special work at Christmas time, and many Juniors will be helping in the sale of tuberculosis seals for the Philadelphia Health Council. Watch the February issue of The Church News for a complete report of work.

Several members of the J. W. A. helped with the rummage sale at St. Martha's House on November 23.

The Executive Board stresses support of the annual dance of the diocesan Young People's Fellowship, to be held early in January.

Woman's Auxiliary Calendar

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings here listed will be held in Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia

Luncheon-meeting every Wednesday at 12:30 P. M. for Woman's Auxiliary Committee's officers and guests

Wednesday, December 4

10:30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee
2:00 P. M.—Colored Committee. Speaker: Dr. George W. Loder

Wednesday, December 11

10:30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee
6:30 P. M.—Diocesan Evening Auxiliary Supper
8:00 P. M.—Diocesan Evening Auxiliary Meeting
7:45 P. M.—Junior Woman's Auxiliary. Speaker: Mrs. John E. Hill

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 A. M.—Elizabeth Price Martin League, 1112 South 53rd Street
10:30 A. M.—Foreign Committee. Speaker: Rev. Alfred D. Griffiths, Balbalasang
2:00 P. M.—The Christian Family and Social Relations
Indians' Hope Association

Friday, December 20

10:30 A. M.—League of Intercessors

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Educational Department

"Christian Education is more than a study-class; more than the Sunday School," says the Rev. Daniel A. McGregor, Ph.D., of the National Department of Christian Education, and we of the Woman's Auxiliary echo the thought. Dr. McGregor continues: "More Christian education is given in worship than in all the classes," to which the Auxiliary responds, "Amen."

To emphasize Worship as the foundation-stone of all study and service, Mrs. Charles Hunsicker, diocesan devotional chairman, opened Educational Day at our recent Conference with a service of prayers and intercessions, a suggestive form for all parish groups to emulate. *Prayer* is the most vital requisite in the individual's training for running "the race that is set before us" in the field of education. Prepare!

"*Ready-on-the-Mark!*"—The speakers at the recent Conference, each one an expert in a particular field—Mrs. Augustus Trowbridge, on the migrants, and Lei Chin Keung, on China—provided just the proper zest and stimulant for the winter's study program.

"*Get Set*"—The Educational Institute, at Holy Trinity Church November 12 and 13, under the able leadership of Miss Margaret I. Marston, national educational secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, added the proper ingredients and enthusiasm to inspire all those in attendance—64 persons, representing 34 parishes and missions—to go forth and teach "China."

"*Go!*"—The set-up to make our "going" a success is powered by an Educational Committee composed of a chairman and 14 cohorts, representing the six convocations; the Jr. W. A.; the Diocesan Evening Committee; the Department of Christian Education, and members-at-large. This committee held its first meeting on November 20.

The Goal this Year—"Every Church woman in the Diocese an informed and 'sending' missionary."

May we call to your attention the Study Class on China, under the leadership of Mrs. W. N. Stevenson, at the second semester of the Diocesan Normal School on five successive Tuesdays, beginning November 19?

E. P. Martin League Offers Chance for Christmas Joy

During the last few years the response throughout the Diocese to the Christmas appeal of the Elizabeth

Price Martin League has been generous and tremendously helpful. May we hope for the same support this year?

Gifts of money, packages, crates of oranges and apples are solicited. A gift package for a woman should contain a box of cleaning tissue, talcum powder, writing pad, pencil, five plain postal cards, and a box of hard candy. For a man substitute smoking tobacco and pipe, or cigarettes. No matches. Please mark packages "Woman" or "Man" as it helps in the assembling of packages for the various wards.

Good second-hand neckties are always acceptable. If the articles are *boxed* or wrapped in *heavy paper* before being tied in attractive wrappings, they will be more presentable on Christmas morning.

And here's a suggestion! If you plan to "brighten a corner" in the hospital at the blessed Christmastide, please see that your donation reaches Mrs. Patrick Doyle, 1112 South 53rd Street, before December 18, or bring your gifts that day and help us.

MATILDA FOX,
Chairman.

Church Periodical Club

"We who have our mail delivered twice a day can hardly imagine a weekly or semi-weekly delivery where even a mail-order catalog is an event. When no mail at all arrives in these forgotten corners of the earth, it is indeed a bitter disappointment, and if a neighbor happens to witness our chagrin, there is the added sting of humiliation."

The foregoing excerpt from a letter is true. Under such circumstances it is easy to imagine the joy of receiving a magazine every month from someone interested enough to write a letter, too. It is for this personal contact in distributing magazines that the Church Periodical Club was organized. Although the work has expanded in many directions, that is still its keynote and the reason for its success.

At the recent General Convention, approximately one-half of the 21 speakers heard at C. P. C. sessions spoke on rural work, the one branch in which our Church is weak. At the C. P. C. exhibit, missionary bishops and missionaries paid glowing tribute to the club for the help it gives them, and they spoke of their dependence upon it as an aid in their work.

The Church Periodical Club in America is the only organization of its kind in the world, hence the many appeals, more and more of which are coming from abroad. We must not fail them.

The following national officers were elected at Kansas City:

President, Mrs. David C. Larcomb, Southern Ohio; vice-president, Mrs. Charles M. Sheafe, Connecticut; secretary, Miss Clara H. Baumann, Pennsylvania, and treasurer, Mrs. H. A. M. Staley, Chicago.

Mrs. Herbert P. Onyx was elected to represent the Third Province on the national executive board.

MARY M. H. ONYX

Junior AUXILIARY

News from the Parishes

The Beta Chapter of the Jr. W. A., *Chapel of the Mediator*, under the leadership of Miss Alice Mooney, are working for the completion of the chapel's annual Christmas Bazaar. It is the aim of all members to make the gift shop, under the personal direction of Mrs. Granville Taylor, a huge success, and they extend to all CHURCH NEWS readers a cordial invitation to the affair on Thursday and Friday, December 5 and 6.

Church of the Resurrection—Immediately following the 11 o'clock service on October 27, the Jr. W. A. served members and friends with coffee and cake during the Friendly Hour in the Parish House.

The Jr. W. A. of *St. John's, Cynwyd*, has entered upon another year under the able leadership of Mrs. George P. Scadding. Other officers include Jane Shallcross, recording secretary; Helen Bottoms, corresponding secretary, and Louise Paxson, treasurer. The year's program includes knitting sox and mittens, hemming diapers and towels, filling a personal box and saving tin foil.

St. Martin's, Marcus Hook—An active group under the leadership of Miss Edith Seville is beginning the year with a good program of fellowship and service, including hemming

towels for Episcopal Hospital. They will plan one business and one social meeting a month.

The Jr. W. A. of *Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel* gave a turkey dinner on Tuesday evening, October 24.

Church of the Saviour — The Jr. W. A. wishes to thank the many people of the Diocese who supported its annual card party at the Hotel Philadelphian, November 4. Everyone had a good time, and the net profit was $150. For its Christmas work, the Jr. W. A. is planning to fill 50 stockings for Philadelphia General Hospital and to help the Episcopal Hospital.

Just a reminder — Now would be a splendid time to start working for the May Fete. The Juniors will have a booth of miscellaneous articles, including infants' and children's clothing, dolls, pot holders, and other useful novelties. Most of these things can be made by your group during the winter months. Please consult Miss Olivet Robertson, 430 South 45th Street, chairman of the Jr. W. A. booth.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

December 1—1st Sunday in Advent
Morning—Whitemarsh, St. Thomas
Afternoon—Perkiomen, St. James
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Barnabas, Kensington

December 4—Wednesday
Evening—Pottstown, Christ

December 6—Friday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Barnabas, Germantown

December 8—2nd Sunday in Advent
Morning—Philadelphia, Calvary, Germantown
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Emmanuel, Holmesburg
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Timothy, Roxborough

December 10—Tuesday
Evening—Ardmore, St. George

December 12—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Bartholomew

December 13—Friday
Evening—St. Paul, North Penn, Philadelphia

December 15—3rd Sunday in Advent
Morning—Philadelphia, St. Jude and The Nativity
Afternoon—Philadelphia, All Saints, Crescentville
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Luke, Germantown

December 18—Wednesday
Evening—Philadelphia, Christ, Franklinville

December 19—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, Emmanuel, Kensington

December 22—4th Sunday in Advent
Morning—Philadelphia, St. Peter, Germantown
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Messiah
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Matthew, Francisville

December 26—St. Stephen's Day—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, Nativity, Germantown

December 29—1st Sunday after Christmas
Morning—Philadelphia, Holy Nativity, Rockledge
Afternoon—Cheltenham, St. Aidan
Evening—Philadelphia, Holy Innocents, Tacony

January 5—2nd Sunday after Christmas
Morning—Philadelphia, Epiphany, Germantown
Afternoon—Andalusia, Redeemer
Evening—Philadelphia, St. George, Venango

January 6—The Epiphany
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Gabriel

January 9—Thursday
Evening—St. George, Richmond

January 12—1st Sunday after Epiphany
Morning—Philadelphia, Good Shepherd, Germantown
Afternoon—Philadelphia, St. Augustine
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Luke, Kensington

January 19—2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Morning—Philadelphia, Advocate
Afternoon—Philadelphia, St. John, West Oak Lane
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Paul

January 26—3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Morning—Philadelphia, St. Martin - in - the - Fields, Chestnut Hill
Afternoon—Philadelphia, St. James the Less
Evening—Philadelphia, Christ and St. Michael

January 29—Wednesday
Evening—Valley Forge, Washington Memorial Chapel

January 30—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Titus, Elmwood

The Book Shelf

For study of shifting populations in America and China.

Move On Youth, by OTTO HALL. 60 cents.

Stand By For China, by GORDON POTEAT. 60 cents.

Dangerous Opportunity, by EARLE BALLEN. 60 cents.

They Starve That We May Eat, by EDITH LOURY. 35 cents.

These books may be obtained through the Woman's Auxiliary Office.

Society for College Work Moves Headquarters to Washington

Charles Edward Thomas, executive director of the Church Society for College Work, announces that the executive offices have been removed from 3601 Locust Street, Philadelphia, to Mount Saint Alban, Washington, D. C. This is the permanent headquarters of the society, and all communications to the society should be addressed there. The Philadelphia office, occupied since last January, is now closed.

Authorities of the Washington Cathedral have provided office space in one of their buildings near the Cathedral and beside the Bishop's garden. The office will be convenient for the new President of the Church Society for College Work, the Rev. Dr. C. Leslie Glenn, who recently became rector of St. John's Church, Washington.

2 WESTERN BISHOPS HEARD IN DIOCESE

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Jenkins, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Nevada, whose pungent writings in his diocesan publication, *The Desert Churchman*, are so widely quoted, visited the Diocese early last month. The people of St. Clement's Church and those of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, felt themselves privileged to hear the message he delivered from their pulpits on November 3.

Bishop Jenkins, since his consecration in 1929, has made an enviable record in the big and barren State of Nevada, where in several years without a bishop the Church had lost most of the ground it had gained. Under his vigorous and resourceful administration many old missions have been reopened, new ones have been established, and the work in Nevada continues to grow in spite of drastic cuts in missionary appropriations.

Close on the heels of Bishop Jenkins came another visitor from the West, the Rt. Rev. Winfred H. Ziegler, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Wyoming, who filled a series of engagements beginning on Armistice Day. This was Bishop Ziegler's first visit to the Diocese in two years. Among the groups he addressed were men of Old St. David's, Radnor, in the annual Every Member Canvass rally; the North Philadelphia Convocation at the Church of St. John Chrysostom, and the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, in Church House.

Christmas

SALE and DINNER

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Some Steps Taken by the Last Diocesan Convention to Preserve Parish and Mission Properties for Coming Generations

AN action of the 156th Diocesan Convention, drastically limiting the power of vestries and congregations to dispose of or encumber their properties, is deemed of sufficient importance to be given wide publicity. Some preliminary facts will be useful in clarifying the action of the Convention.

The Church had its beginning in this country when clergymen of the Church of England who came over with the colonists, or subsequently, gathered congregations and formed them into parishes of that Church. In this State, in order that they might own the lands and buildings they used, it was necessary for them to be chartered as corporations. As long as the Colonies were parts of the mother country these parishes were parts of the mother Church. But when the Colonies became independent of England the parishes, owing partly to their each having an independent legal existence as corporations, were also independent religious organizations and were not accountable to anyone. However, they soon combined as parishes to form dioceses, but in this region only on condition that in the Convention of the Diocese they should each have an equal vote, no matter how great the disparity in their several sizes.

Then the dioceses combined to form the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. In becoming parts of this whole, the parishes agreed to subject themselves, so far as the conduct of their spiritual affairs was concerned, to the Doctrine, Discipline, Worship, and Canons of the General Convention and of the Convention of the Diocese in which they were. But they did not surrender, in any degree whatever, their rights over the properties they possessed as chartered corporations. The members individually and the parishes as organizations belonged to the Episcopal Church, but their properties belonged to them, with every right that the laws of the State gave them, and those laws in those days did not give the Church any rights over their properties.

The consequences have not been entirely beneficial to the work of the Church. In the course of years, in Philadelphia, for example, valuable properties have been acquired, imposing structures erected and large endowments accumulated, almost exclusively due to the benefactions of people dead for several generations. Does this great accumulation of property and wealth held for some parishes in a part of Philadelphia mean proportionate wealth and strength for the work of the Church in this Diocese? We know that it does not, and for two main reasons. First, due to changes in neighborhoods and populations, the wealth of some parishes in buildings and funds is in inverse ratio to their present and probably prospective opportunities for doing a commensurate work for the Church. And, second, the wealth does not belong to the Church in the Diocese, nor is it in any degree subject to diocesan control, but is entirely in the control of the parish corporations, and that control may (in fact, it already has in a number of cases), come to be in the hands of extremely small groups, which, although they have not contributed anything to the values they have inherited, yet may encumber or dispose of the property and in some cases may use up the endowment paying current expenses.

Until 1935 the Church was helpless to do anything about it. In that year, however, the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed an act which declared that property, real or personal, which had been or should hereafter be given in any way to any subordinate part of a larger religious organization, such as to a parish of the Church in this Diocese, should be held by the authorities of that subordinate part as a trust for the work of the Church as carried on by that subordinate part, and subject to the rules, regulations, customs and canons of the larger and controlling body.

The Standing Committee and the Executive Council believed that advantage should be taken of the power and opportunity the statute gives the Diocese to exercise some control over the alienation and encumbering of parish properties. After conferring with the Committee on Canons and the Chancellor, they recommended to the Convention certain changes in the Canons which would prevent such alienation or encumbering without the approval of the Bishop and the Standing Committee.

The Convention unanimously adopted these recommendations, which are now in force in the Diocese. They are so important and of such interest to all vestries and congregations that the people of the Diocese should know all about them, so the provisions of the new Canon XII are quoted in full:

> "Sec. I.—It shall not be lawful for any Church, Parish or Mission in this Diocese to permit to be removed, or to be taken down, or to be used for any 'unhallowed, wordly or common use' any consecrated Church or Chapel, without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.
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> "Sec. II.—It is hereby declared that all real property which has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or conveyed to a Bishop, a Dean, or any official of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, or to any Rector therein, or to any incorporated, or unincorporated Parish or Mission in said Diocese, for use for religious worship, or for a Rectory, Parish House or School, shall be taken and held by such devisee or grantee for the work of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and no sale, conveyance or mortgage thereof, or lease for more than one year, shall be made by any Bishop, Dean or other Diocesan official, or by any Rector or any incorporated or unincorporated Parish without the previous written consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority and a majority of the members of the Standing Committee, or, if there be no Bishop able to act, then by the consent of the Standing Committee only; but these restrictions on sale, mortgaging and leasing shall not apply to real estate used for purposes of sepulture, or held only for investment; and nothing herein shall authorize the diversion of any property from the purposes, uses and trusts to which it may have been heretofore, lawfully dedicated or to which it may hereafter consistently herewith be lawfully dedicated."

There will be no problems of enforcement, because we are assured by title insurance companies that compliance with the canon's provisions will be required before they will grant title insurance for mortgages created or properties sold by parishes.

That the clerical and lay representatives of the parishes in Convention assembled were ready, without oppo-

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Rev. A. W. Eastburn
12 Years at St. Barnabas'

The Rev. Albert W. Eastburn began his 13th year as rector of St. Barnabas', Kensington, on Sunday, December 1. The day was marked by a corporate Communion for men and boys of the parish and by presentation of a large class for confirmation.

Mr. Eastburn has earned wide recognition in Kensington through his efforts to help the unemployed through the depths of the depression a few years ago and through the welfare work he still conducts at St. Barnabas'.

A bequest of $1500 to St. Mark's Church, Frankford, to be used for the purchase of two doors as memorials to her husband, Harry, and herself, was provided in the will of Mrs. Susanna S. Stanwood, who died November 21, 1939.

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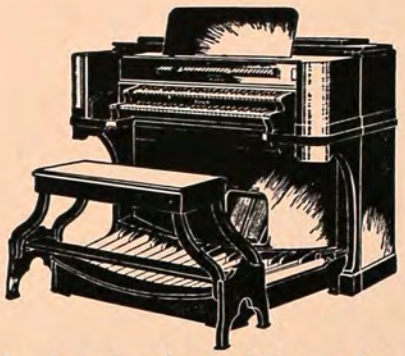

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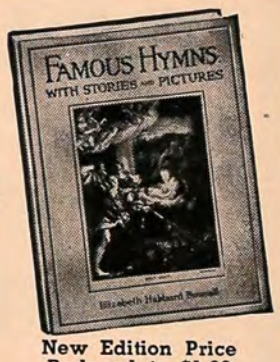

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News of Churches in Delaware County

St. Giles', Stonehurst, Marks 20th Birthday

The 20th birthday of St. Giles', Stonehurst, was observed with a three-day celebration in the chapel at Hampden Road and Locust Street, Upper Darby, beginning with an early Communion service on October 24, the anniversary date. Special services marking the completion of the chapel's first score of years followed on the succeeding Sunday and Monday.

The Rev. Croswell McBee, D.D., of Old St. David's, and the Rev. George W. Barnes, of St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, who were present at the chapel's first service in a frame building at 69th and Chestnut Streets, participated in the festival service on Sunday evening, October 27. The Rev. Walter C. Pugh, of St. Andrew's, Yardley, who was in charge of St. Giles' from 1921 to 1934, also took part. The Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, dean of Chester Convocation, read the closing prayers and delivered the benediction. Many clergy from neighboring churches were present.

At the first service twenty years ago, Dr. McBee and Mr. Barnes took part, and Bishop Garland, who planted St. Giles' as a mission in the growing young community, was the preacher.

More than 250 parishioners attended the anniversary dinner in the parish house on Monday evening, October 28, at which the vicar, the Rev. T. Norman Mason, presided. The Bishop was the guest of honor.

St. Giles' carried on its old frame structure for three years, moving in 1923 into the basement of the church building it had begun to erect at 69th and Chestnut Streets. In 1930 the present chapel, rectory and parish house were erected. For several years the chapel was under the care of Holy Apostles parish.

The chapel has grown in healthy fashion under the vicarship of Mr. Mason and now has a communicant list of nearly 400, with more than 300 pupils and teachers in its Church School.

St. John's, Lansdowne

A Missionary Box Presentation Service was held on November 9, when 251 members of the Church School, teachers, officers and guests saw their gifts for children and adults in the outposts of the Church dedicated to bringing happiness to those who will ultimately receive them. St. John's gifts this year go to St. Barnabas' Mission, Wells, Nev., which is under the direction of Deaconess F. Isabel Ormerod.

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medium of the Diocesan Publicity Department, the dimensions, colors and symbolism of the official flag adopted by General Convention were obtained from William Baldwin, its designer. The information is available to other parishes who desire it.

Plans for the Nativity Pageant are under way. Sunday, December 22, has been designated as the date of the presentation. Charles Henderson, Jr., who has directed the pageant at St. John's in previous years, is unable to carry on as director this year because of extraordinary duties. A committee has been named to take the responsibility for the production.

St. Martin's, Marcus Hook

Through an unexplainable circumstance, mention of a number of gifts was omitted from the report of the parish anniversary in last month's NEWS. At the anniversary service on October 27, the rector, the Rev. Olin B. Gluck-Lager, dedicated the following:

An altar cross given by Jervis and William Evans; three altar lights given as a thank offering by Mr. and Mrs. Widdop Stead, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. John Evans; three altar lights given as a memorial by George Warner; a dossal given by Mrs. J. W. Farmer; a private Communion set given by Miss H. Daisy Smith as a thank offering, and a new credence table made by Norman Saville, a member of the congregation.

The church had been newly decorated for the anniversary celebration.

Atonement, Morton

The Community Thanksgiving Day service was held at 8:30 A. M. this year for the benefit of those who planned to attend football games and others who preferred their holiday dinner at midday. The sermon was by the Rev. Howard N. Reeves, Jr., of Kedron Methodist Church.

Rev. W. P. C. Loane Marks 5th Year of His Rectorship

The Rev. William P. C. Loane, now fully recovered from the illness that confined him to Episcopal Hospital recently, will celebrate the fifth anniversary of his rectorship of the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, on Sunday, December 8, with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 A. M. and Morning Prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. The Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, D.D., headmaster of Church Farm School, will be the anniversary preacher.

Mr. Loane, a native Philadelphian, is a graduate of Hobart College and Berkeley Divinity School. He began his ministry as a curate under the Rev. Dr. E. M. Jefferys at old St. Peter's Church in 1930, remaining there until he was called to his present charge in 1935.

Chas. F. Ehly Made Deacon At Ordination on Nov. 7

The Bishop's Chapel in Church House was the scene of an ordination service on November 7, when the Bishop ordered Charles F. Ehly a deacon. Mr. Ehly was presented by the Very Rev. Charles E. Eder, D.D., dean of Germantown Convocation, and the Rev. N. B. Groton, of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, under whose sponsorship Mr. Ehly entered the ministry, preached. The Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, of the Church of the Advocate, read the Litany.

Mr. Ehly, whose home is in Roxborough, is a graduate of Ursinus College and of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and received his master's degree in religious education at Columbia University. He studied at Philadelphia Divinity School for a year.

He has been assigned to Trinity Church, Buckingham, where he is working under the supervision of the Rev. Waldo D. Parker, head of the Country Centre Mission.

"We move," says Will Durant, "into an age of spiritual exhaustion and despondency like that which hungered for the birth of Christ. The greatest question of our time," he continues, "is not Communism vs. Individualism, not Europe vs. America, not even the East vs. the West; it is whether man can bear to live without God."

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Parish Notes

The **Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown,** united with neighboring Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches in an evening service on Sunday, November 10, the eve of Armistice Day. The Rev. George Young, Baptist pastor, read the Psalm; the Rev. John Muyskens, D.D., Presbyterian pastor, read the First Lesson, and the Rev. Frank M. Gray, of the Methodist Church, read the Second Lesson. The rector, the Rev. Reginald G. Davis, preached.

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Fifteen active parish organizations are listed in the Epiphany Star, monthly publication of the **Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood.**

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Grace Church, Mt. Airy, has received two bequests of $250 each from the will of Mrs. Anna Hall, who died October 17, 1939. One gift was designated for the parish house improvement fund, the other for the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild for missions.

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Sunday afternoon services at St. **James's, Philadelphia,** are conducted entirely by students and faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School. The students sing the service, read the lessons and lead the intercessions, and a member of the faculty preaches the sermon. Music is by St. James's choir of men and boys under the direction of Richard Purvis.

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New lights given by Mrs. Edward Atkins in memory of her husband will be dedicated at **Christ Church and St. Michael's** on December 15, the Sunday nearest Mr. Atkin's birthday anniversary.

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A Nativity pageant will be presented by a cast of 50 persons, including the rector, the Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, D.D., in the **Church of the Saviour,** West Philadelphia, December 29, at 7:45 P. M. The choir of 50 voices, under the direction of Irving Hancock, will provide the musical background for the production, which is in seven scenes.

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A representative of the Boys' Club of the **Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia,** recently left in THE CHURCH NEWS office a copy of the first issue of *The Redeemer News*, to be published monthly. In its statement of editorial policy *The Redeemer News* declares, "School and Church activities of our community will be duly publicized. We have no other motto besides 'If you can't boost, don't knock'."

The traditional Festival of Ingathering was observed at **Christ Church and St. Michael's** on November 24. The service was in the form of a pageant portraying the thanksgiving rites of early Egyptians, Chinese, Hebrews, Greeks and English, and the Aztecs and the Puritans. Children and adults dressed to represent each group laid gifts at the altar. The congregation brought canned goods which were given to the House of Rest for the Aged.

IN MEMORIAM

COOK—The Board of Trustees of George W. South Memorial Church of the Advocate here records its high appreciation of the life, public service, and personality of the late Gustavus Wynne Cook who departed this life on June 4, 1940.

Mr. Cook was the senior member of this Board and had served continuously since June 9, 1897. His family had a long and intimate friendship with the family of the founders, and at their request Mr. Cook served on the Building Committee of the Trustees when the beautiful structure of the church was under construction. He made himself personally familiar with the details of the building and with the symbolic art which has made the structure one of the most admired in this Diocese. With characteristic generosity he gave largely of his means, particularly when any question arose which involved improvements to the buildings, and more than any other man, he contributed to the maintenance of the buildings of the church and parish in first class condition.

In addition to his service on this Board, Mr. Cook was one of the business leaders of Philadelphia and served as director and an executive of many corporations. From childhood his avocational interest was in astronomy, and the observatory which he maintained at his home at Wynnewood was the most complete private astronomical observatory in the world. For many years he had been engaged in the preparation of an atlas of the skies to be based upon photographs of the entire sky, and in order to accomplish this work, he brought together a corps of expert assistants and provided a complete equipment. In the early developments of radio and television, his advice was eagerly sought and highly valued by the other pioneers in these important fields. His scientific achievements well merited the honorary degree of Doctor of Science which was awarded to him by the University of Pennsylvania four years ago.

His life record has now been completed and his colleagues on the Board of Trustees record with deep appreciation his fine generosity, his personal charm and his loyalty to the church and its institutions. His death will be mourned by many who valued his work and his worth as a man, and his colleagues united in tenderinig their sincerest sympathy to those of his family who survive.

"The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

GEIL—John Henry Geil, for 54 years an active member of the Church of the Atonement, Morton, died at his home in Rutledge on November 20 at the age of 79.

A native of Doylestown, Mr. Geil came to Philadelphia in early childhood and was educated in the public schools. Almost immediately following his graduation from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1883, he entered the employ of the Land Title and Trust Company as title examiner, a position he held until his retirement in 1931.

He was one of the founders of the town of Rutledge 54 years ago and served for 18 years as a member of its school board. A devoted churchman, he had been a vestryman of the Church of the Atonement for many years, had been superintendent of the Church school, and had worked as a lay reader under the six rectors who preceded the Rev. Charles H. Urban. He also had represented the parish in Diocesan Convention as a lay deputy.

He was a past master of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, F. and A. M., a past high priest of Columbia Chapter, and a member of St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, the Philadelphia Consistory and the Masonic Veterans of Philadelphia. In 1903 he married Miss Olive Hibbs, who with their son, John Spencer Geil, survives him. He was laid to rest in West Laurel Hill on November 25 after services at 1820 Chestnut Street with the Rev. Charles H. Urban officiating.

Howden—The death of the Rt. Rev. Frederick B. Howden, D.D., at Albuquerque, N. M., on November 12, not only has bereft the vast Missionary District of New Mexico and Southwest Texas of its beloved bishop, but also has left in the firing line of the Church at home a breach that will be hard to fill. Since 1914 Bishop Howden had administered the largest missionary jurisdiction in the United States, an area of 153,394 square miles with a population of 595,327, less than four persons per square mile.

Born at West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., Bishop Howden as a boy sang in the choir of old Trinity Church, New York City. In 1891 he was graduated from Trinity College, University of Toronto, which conferred a doctorate in divinity upon him in 1914. He was graduated from General Theological Seminary in 1894, and in 1925 received an honorary degree of doctor of sacred theology from that institution. Ordered deacon in 1894, he was priested the same year and became assistant at St. John's Church, Detroit.

From 1895 to 1902 he served at Calvary Church, New York, and Emmanuel Church, Cumberland, Md., from which he was called to the rectorship of Georgetown Parish, Washington, D. C. While in the last-named parish, he was elected missionary bishop of New Mexico. There his ministry included widely scattered rural missions, including a mission to Mexicans and another to Navajos.

In 1895 he married Angelica Constance Faber, in New York. She died several years ago, but their seven children survive.

MCCARTHY—Edmund Burke McCarthy, for many years one of the outstanding laymen of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his home in Devon November 26. Until his retirement a year ago, he was an officer of the Provident Trust Company, having joined that organization when the Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company, of which he was vice-president, was merged with it.

For 25 years Mr. McCarthy was chairman of the Lenten Service Committee of the

Brotherhood of St. Andrew and made arrangements for the noonday Lenten services held in the old Garrick Theatre and later in the Locust Street Theatre. He was a vestryman of Old St. David's Church, Radnor, vice-president of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, a former president of the Church Club of Philadelphia, treasurer of Galilee Mission and a member of the Church Foundation. At one time he was treasurer of the Chestnut Street Business Men's Association and president of the old Citizen's Passenger Railway. His wife, Emily, and a son, Ronald J., survive. Funeral services were held from his home on November 29.

NICHOLS—The Rev. Harry Pierce Nichols, D.D., who was rector of St. John's Church, Philadelphia, during the Centennial Exposition, died November 15 at his home in North Conway, N. H., at the age of 90. He was one of the oldest alumni of Philadelphia Divinity School, from which he was graduated in 1876. Dr. Nichols was born in Philadelphia September 3, 1850. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University in 1871. After graduation from the seminary here he was made a deacon by Bishop Stevens, and was ordained to the priesthood a year later by Bishop Neely of Maine. From then until his retirement in 1922 he served parishes in New Brunswick, Me.; New Haven, Conn.; Minneapolis and New York City, where he was rector of Holy Trinity Church for 23 years. He was a deputy to General Convention in 1895, 1898, 1904, 1922 and 1925. New York University gave him an honorary degree of doctor of divinity in 1904. His writings included *Temporary and Permanent in New Testament Revelation* and *Bohlen Lectures*. A son, Donald, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hardenbergh, of Minneapolis, survive.

SHARPE—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sharpe, widow of the Rev. T. Manley Sharpe, one-time rector of the Church of the Saviour, died November 19 at her home in Atlantic City. Mrs. Sharpe, a native of England, was active in church work here for many years. She was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery November 23 after services in St. Mark's Church, Locust Street near 16th. Three sons, Thomas Manley Sharpe, Jr., of St. Louis; William Austin Sharpe, of Drexel Hill, and John W. Sharpe, of Philadelphia, and one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Sharpe Anderson, of Atlantic City, survive.

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A song, popular with us last summer at Holiday House, is still being sung. It goes:

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Some are silver and others gold.

Deaconess Shaw is an old friend to all of us who are interested in her work at All Saints' Girls' School, Bontoc, Philippine Islands, where there is a G. F. S. branch.

A hilarious event of the Bontoc Christmas season is the presentation of the gifts heaped about the Christmas tree. They include cabbages, notebooks, peanuts, native weaving, Igorot hats, baskets and strings of eggs. One year a live duck quacked and waddled all over the other gifts. How the children clapped when he was presented to Deaconess Shaw! This year there are to be many packages, postmarked "Phila., Pa., U. S. A.," sent with the season's greetings—one for the Deaconess herself, sent by the Holy Trinity Branch; one for their adopted school child, sent by the Senior Members' Club. Other boxes were sent by the branches in response to the Woolworth Shower for the school.

Miss Elizabeth W. Beatty, chairman for missions, reports the receipt from Bontoc School of four boxes filled with the loveliest things that may be purchased for Christmas gifts. The prices range from 5 cents to $3. Of course, the proceeds are returned to the school.

From Miss Lois Fredin, of the mission staff, we hear that at Christmas time beautiful masses of enormous poinsettia blooms are picked out-of-doors from bushes eight feel tall. These magnificent blooms are used to bank the altar and in the candlelight make it a blaze of glory. There are pine trees from the mountains and evergreen garlands, and, at the left of the church, the Christmas creche. What a beautiful setting in which to adore and welcome the Christ Child!

The G. F. S. Auxiliary to the Seamen's Church Institute will hold its usual Christmas ingathering at the home of Miss M. Atherton Leach, 2118 Spruce Street, on December 13 and 14, from 3 to 6 P. M. Tea will be served at 4 P. M. It is hoped every Branch

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The seniors, at their meeting on November 13, launched a project to provide hospital beds for Britain. The beds cost $40 each. The club already has provided three and is working on a fourth. This is not to be considered as a club project only. Any Branch may adopt it as an act of thanksgiving to those British women who planted the roots of the G. F. S. in British soil more than 60 years ago, since when it has spread to America and wherever the English language is spoken.

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sition, dissent or discussion, to impose such serious limitations upon their powers over their parish properties is a fine tribute to their own self-effacement in the best interests of the Church. Probably they were influenced chiefly by two considerations: First, that properties of many of the older parishes are almost entirely inherited and should be treated as a trust to be handed down unimpaired to future generations if possible, and, secondly, that important properties acquired or erected through gifts of the present generation should be placed beyond the power of future ones to dissipate or encumber.

In this connection it may be said that during the last year the Standing Committee, the Council, the Church Foundation and the Chancellor have agreed upon a standard form of deed of trust to be used when the Church Foundation takes properties, chiefly those of missions, to hold in trust for the Diocese. Heretofore it has happened that such mission properties, upon which the Diocese usually had spent a great deal of money, upon their incorporation into parishes, became the properties of the latter and entirely in their control. Under the new form of deed the Church Foundation will hold the properties *for the work of the Church* in particular localities, whether that work be carried on by missions or parishes. In the event the work practically ceases in those localities, the Bishop and the Standing Committee may order the properties sold and the proceeds devoted to other Church work in the Diocese. That ultimately will prevent valuable properties being used by only a handful of people and for an infinitesimal amount of Church work.

Both of these accomplishments should give persons greater confidence in making contributions toward establishing or supporting parishes and missions, for it means that, so far as may be humanly possible, their gifts will not be wasted.

We should have a great many fewer disputes in the world if words were taken for what they are, the signs of our ideas only, and not for things themselves.

—*Locke*

38 States, 13 Nations Get Altar Guild Aid

Staggering is the only word that describes the amount of work turned out by the Diocesan Altar Guild in the last ten years. In that period, while caring for altars in the Cathedral, the Bishop's Chapel and the Philadelphia Divinity School, the society has granted requests and sent material into all but ten of the 48 States as well as to Alaska, Brazil, Canal Zone, China, Cuba, Haiti, Hawaii, Japan, Liberian, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo and the Virgin Islands.

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16 Confirmation Veils	1 Brass Ewer
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The contest was judged by Ernest F. H. Willoughby, Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; Mrs. Catherine Armstrong, Shipley School, Bryn Mawr, and Ernest M. Ibbotson, organist and choirmaster of Grace and St. Peter's, Baltimore.

Following the contest Evensong was sung by a group of organists and choirmasters who had attended the recent course in voice production and choir training conducted by the Diocesan Commission on Music.

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Here is another workbook for use with a Pastoral Series course. This one is based on *The Christian Life of Faith, Love and Duty*, by R. S. Chalmers. It covers the first half of the Offices of Instruction, with the bulk of the pages on the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The "Duties" are combined with the Commandments, and prayer in general with the Lord's Prayer. When the author uses the test technique of having the pupil select the correct statements from a list of correct and incorrect statements (and she uses it often), the selection is pretty obvious. However, there are many parts that are more thought-provoking, and on the whole this workbook should be useful.

The Church Marches On. National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church. 25 cents.

It is some time since the National Council has published the program of the Church, so *The Church Marches On*, which has just come out, is welcome. It is attractively set up with many pictures and clear readable type. It covers our missionary work and the work of the departments of the National Council. A "must" booklet for all Episcopalians.

Trail Blazers of "The Way," by ROBERT H. THOMAS, 3d. Morehouse-Gorham Co. Pupil's work book, 70 cents. Teacher's Procedure Guide, 20 cents.

This work book has been planned primarily as pupil's material for the fourth course of the Pastoral Series, *How the Church Began.* Together with the Bible it should be all the material necessary for an interesting course for 11-to-14-year-old boys and girls. The greater part of it concerns the life of St. Paul. Directions are given for making a map and for putting on a play. The author attempts to carry over the idea of Trail Blazers to life today, but it fails to compare with the adventurous life of St. Paul.

The P. E. P. Packet. The Book Store, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City. 50 cents.

P. E. P. stands for Parish Educational Program, and it has been prepared under the direction of the National Department of Christian Education. The first thing you will notice about it is that you get a lot of material for the price—there are five items in all—and certainly every parish should have one. There is a wall chart 38 inches by 50 inches that outlines the educational program, listing objectives, goals for each age, means for attaining them and materials available. There are four pamphlets—*Christian Education, Plan Your Work, Use Units of Work* and *Getting Acquainted With the Church.* The last named is for Kindergarten children. They tell us it is the first of many to be published in the future. This material shows that the National Department of Christian Education is urging us to think of the total Parish Program of education and not just the Church School, and it is giving us more definite direction. This chart is really a standard by which a parish may check its educational program.

China Trek and *Chinese Friends.* The Book Store, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City. 10 cents each.

These are books for leaders of older and younger children on the Lenten Offering of 1941. It is good to see them in print so far ahead of time. *China Trek*, for older children, contains a true story of one of our Chinese Christians in China as it is today. Both give directions for a course which would last about six weeks, and suggest other available material.

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